# ABA Master's Degree Program Requirements and Credential Information

This is a research-oriented degree culminating in the completion and defense of a thesis. Students must select and have on file with the Graduate School an approved advisory committee, and follow all policies and deadlines as published on the Graduate School website: [http://grad.uga.edu/index.php/current-students/important-dates-deadlines/](http://grad.uga.edu/index.php/current-students/important-dates-deadlines/)

A cumulative average of 3.0 for all graduate courses must be maintained on the program of study used to satisfy degree requirements, and no grade below C will be accepted.

Students must be registered at the University of Georgia for a minimum of three hours of credit during the semester in which they complete all degree requirements. See [http://grad.uga.edu/index.php/current-students/policies-procedures/academics/types-of-degrees-offered/masters-degrees/](http://grad.uga.edu/index.php/current-students/policies-procedures/academics/types-of-degrees-offered/masters-degrees/)

A minimum of 1000 hours of supervised clinical practicum is required for students to be eligible to apply for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst examination.

The College of Education requires a background check for all external placements related to degree programs, which must be completed through PreCheck, Inc. at the student’s expense. If you are completing a practicum requirements in a school, there may be additional background check requirements. If placements are denied based on the background check results, students may not be able to complete the practicum requirements of this program.
Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis:
Program of Study (36 hours)

Core (Applied Behavior Analysis)

- SPED 7230 (3) Advanced Applied Behavior Analysis*
- SPED 7210 (3) Behavioral Methods of Instruction*
- SPED 8320 (3) Ethics in Applied Behavior Analysis*
- SPED 7610 (3) Seminar in Autism Spectrum Disorders
  OR
- EPSY 8120 (3) Autism Spectrum Disorders

Intervention (6 hours)

- EPSY 7330 (3) Individual Academic Interventions*
- EPSY 7320 (3) Individual Psychoeducational Interventions*
  OR
- SPED 6050 (3) Management of Severe Aggressive Behaviors*

Research/Practicum Experiences (18 hours)

- SPED 8370 (3) Single-Subject Research Methodology in Special Education*
- ERSH 6300 (3) Methods Research in Education
- SPED 7440 (9) Practicum in Applied Behavior Analysis
- EPSY 7300 (3) Thesis
  OR
- SPED 7300 (3) Thesis

* Indicates a course in the BCBA program sequence.