

Bachelor's Degree in ABA with Emphasis in Autism



Ball State's Bachelor's in ABA is ranked 20th in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.

- Offered either fully online or blended with on-campus courses (all major courses offered online).
- First bachelor's in applied behavior analysis, with emphasis in autism, in the state of Indiana.
- One of only a few online undergraduate degrees in ABA available in the nation.
- Prepares you for a booming job market for ABA professionals.

You might be a professional in another field and considering a career change. Or, you could already be working in ABA in an entry-level position. You may simply be fascinated with the scientific principles of learning and behavior.

Whatever your situation, you are just in time to help fill a growing labor market need for professionals with ABA credentials by enrolling in Ball State bachelor's degree in applied behavior analysis with an emphasis in autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

Your timing is perfect.

If you're considering the field of applied behavior analysis (ABA), your timing is perfect. An abundance of job postings in Indiana—and across the country—means that this shortage could be an opportunity for you wherever you live. Ball State's bachelor's degree in applied behavior analysis with an emphasis in autism spectrum disorder (ASD) can prepare you for this favorable job market and you can pursue 100 percent online.

After completing this bachelor's degree, along with the necessary field hours, you'll be eligible to take a national exam to earn the Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) credential.

The Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) has approved our program as meeting the course work requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) examination.

BCaBAs are needed to fill positions in a range of settings—ABA clinics, autism centers, hospitals, mental health centers, schools, geriatric facilities, to name but a few.

A National Hub for ABA Studies

Ball State has several online programs in ABA. Our undergraduate Behavioral Studies certificate, our graduate certificate in ABA, and the master's degree were the first such programs in the state of Indiana. This bachelor's degree in ABA is also the first in Indiana and one of only a few online undergraduate degrees in this field available in the nation.

Our online programs enroll students from around the globe, enabling graduates to obtain BACB credentials and enhance their communities. Our online bachelor's in ABA only reinforces Ball State as a national hub for ABA studies.

For example, our Center for Autism Spectrum Disorder (CASD) was founded to produce meaningful answers to the questions that most challenge the ASD community. By using rigorous research methods and addressing crucial gaps in services, our team of faculty, staff, and students work to meet the growing needs of individuals with ASD, their families, and professionals who work with them.

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Courses You Will Take

Ball State's online bachelor of science (BS) in ABA requires 120 credits.

- University Core Curriculum (36-39 credits)
- General Electives (45-48 credits) You will work with your advisor to select the elective courses to best fit your academic goals. You will have enough elective hours to fit in a minor, which can make you even more marketable. Minors available online include psychology of human development, sociology, and criminal justice.
- ABA Major Courses (36 credits)

All of the following courses are required:

- EDPS 270: Lifespan Development (3 credits)
- SPCE 200: Exceptional Children and Adults (3 credits)
- SPCE 280: Behavior Analysis Principles, Processes, and Philosophy (3 credits)
- SPCE 290: Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorder (3 credits)
- SPCE 292: Treatment and Interventions with Autism Spectrum Disorder (3 credits)
- SPCE 307: Ethical, Professional Practice in Behavior Analysis (3 credits)
- SPCE 310: Application of Consultation in Applied Behavior Analysis (3 credits)
- SPCE 315: Advanced Behavior Analysis (3 credits)
- SPCE 316: Single-Subject Research Design and Applications (3 credits)
- SPCE 320: Advanced Interventions for Autism Spectrum Disorders (3 credits)
- SPCE 438: Advanced Seminar in Applied Behavior Analysis (3 credits)
- SPCE 483: Seminar in Autism Spectrum Disorder (3 credits)

We encourage you to discuss with your advisor your workload possibilities and your timeframe goals for completing your degree.

Accreditation and Recognitions

Ball State has this highest form of accreditation: continuing institutional accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission. What this means to you is that we have met rigorous academic standards and professionalism that are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and other institutions of higher learning. We have been accredited since 1925.

Our Teachers College is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), a specialized accrediting body for educator preparation that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

We are also accredited by the Indiana Indiana Teacher Training and Licensing Commission. In addition, many programs within the college have received national recognition through their respective professional associations.

On-Campus Students

If you are studying on campus, you can earn the BS or BA in ABA. The BA degree includes some foreign language requirements.

On-campus students will have a wider array of elective courses, core courses, and optional minors in which to choose. You can take core and elective courses on campus. Courses in the major are offered online only. Your advisor will help you create a plan of study to meet your goals.

Admission Requirements

Whether you are new to Ball State, transferring from another school, or returning to Ball State to finish a degree, you will need to review the admissions process for new or transfer students in an online program. To be considered for admission to the semester you prefer, your application and all supporting materials, such as other college or university transcripts, should be to us by the following dates:

- Fall semester — August 1
- Spring semester — December 1
- Summer semester — April 1

Please plan for at least 3-4 weeks for staff from your previous schools to send official transcripts to Ball State. We will review your application as soon as we receive all your application materials.

Costs

Ball State offers competitive tuition rates for its online and distance graduate programs. Plus, our online and distance students can be considered for all federal and state aid programs. For up-to-date information about tuition rates, visit [bsu.edu/online/tuition](https://www.bsu.edu/online/tuition).

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