

College of Education and Human Development Division of Special Education and disAbility Research

Fall 2013

EDSE 619 DL1: Applied Behavior Analysis: Principles, Procedures, and Philosophy

CRN: 74525, 3 - Credits

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Campus	
E-Mail: thoch@gmu.edu	Meeting Time(s): 4:30 pm-5:20 pm on synchronous meeting dates; within each week during all weeks specified above for asynchronous work
Office Hours: Monday and Thursday from	Meeting Location: Internet, through
1:30 pm – 3:45 pm Eastern Time.	Blackboard (and through Blackboard
	Collaborate for synchronous discussions)

Note: This syllabus may change according to class needs. Students will be advised of any changes immediately through George Mason e-mail and/or through Blackboard.

Course Description

Focuses on basic principles and procedures of applied behavior analysis; identification of factors that contribute to behavioral problems and improved performance; and procedures that can be used to minimize behavioral problems, improve performance, teach new behaviors, and increase probability of behaviors occurring under appropriate circumstances.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to applied behavior analysis graduate certificate program

Co-requisite(s): None

Advising Contact Information

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Please make sure that you are being advised on a regular basis as to your status and progress through your program. Mason M.Ed. and Certificate students should contact the Special Education Advising Office at (703) 993-3145 for assistance. All other students should refer to their faculty advisor.

Nature of Course Delivery

[Instructors, please revise in accordance with your specific course format] Learning activities include the following:

- 1. Class lecture and discussion
- 2. Application activities
- 3. Small group activities and assignments
- 4. Video and other media supports
- 5. Research and presentation activities
- 6. Electronic supplements and activities via Blackboard

Learner Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will:

- Describe educational, experiential, degree, and examination requirements for Behavior Analyst Certification.
- Define, describe, and identify basic philosophical assumptions of applied behavior analysis.
- Define, describe, and identify basic characteristics of applied behavior analysis.
- Define, describe, and identify respondent behavior and respondent conditioning.
- Define, describe, and identify operant behavior and operant conditioning.
- Define, describe, and exemplify operant and respondent principles.
- Define, describe, and exemplify operant and respondent procedures.
- Describe, identify, and exemplify behavior analytic teaching procedures.
- Describe and identify factors affecting behavioral variables.

Required Textbooks

Cooper, J.O., Heron, T.E., & Heward, W.L. (2007). Applied behavior analysis (2nd Ed.). Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Pearson Prentice Hall.

Skinner, B.F. (1974). About behaviorism. New York, NY: Knopf.

Digital Library Option

The Pearson textbook(s) for this course is available as part of the **George Mason University Division of Special Education and disAbility Research Digital Library**. The division and Pearson have partnered to bring you the Digital Library; a convenient, digital solution that can

save you money on your course materials. The Digital Library offers you access to a complete digital library of <u>all Pearson textbooks</u> and MyEducationLabs used across the Division of Special Education and disAbility Research curriculum at a low 1-year or 3-year subscription price. Access codes are available in the school bookstore. Please visit http://gmu.bncollege.com and search the ISBN.

- 1 year subscription \$200 ISBN-13: 9781269541411
- 3 years subscription \$525 ISBN-13: 9781269541381
- Individual e-book(s) also available at the bookstore link above or at http://www.pearsonhighered.com/. Search by author, title, or ISBN.

Recommended Textbooks

None. However, if you wish to complete the extra optinoal, extra credit portion of the course, you will need to purchase a subscription to the BCBA Examination Study software, available through Behavior Development Solutions at http://www.behaviordevelopmentsolutions.com/.

Required Resources

You will need to go to the Behavior Analyst Certification Board website (www.bacb.com), and download the Task List, the Guidelines for Responsible Conduct, and the Disciplinary Standards. We will refer to these documents throughout this course and all others in this Program.

Additional Readings

None.

Course Relationships to Program Goals and Professional Organizations

This course is part of the George Mason University, Graduate School of Education (GSE), Special Education Program for Applied Behavior Analysis Graduate Certificate. This program complies with the standards for teacher licensure established by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), the major special education professional organization. The CEC Standards are listed on the following website:

http://www.cec.sped.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ProfessionalDevelopment/ProfessionalStanda rds/. The content of the courses in this program is derived from the Task List published by the national Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) as well as the Board's Guidelines for Responsible Conduct. The BACB Standards are listed on the following website: For more information on the Board and the examination, please visit the Board's website at

www.bacb.com. The CEC standard that will be addressed in this class is Standard 4: Instructional Strategies.

GMU POLICIES AND RESOURES FOR STUDENTS:

- a. Students must adhere to the guidelines of the George Mason University Honor Code [See http://oai.gmu.edu/honor-code/].
- b. Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing [See http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/].
- c. Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their George Mason University email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students solely through their Mason email account.
- d. The George Mason University Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff consists of professional counseling and clinical psychologists, social workers, and counselors who offer a wide range of services (e.g., individual and group counseling, workshops and outreach programs) to enhance students' personal experience and academic performance [See http://caps.gmu.edu/].
- e. Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with the George Mason University Office of Disability Services (ODS) and inform their instructor, in writing, at the beginning of the semester [See http://ods.gmu.edu/].
- f. Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be turned off during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.
- g. The George Mason University Writing Center staff provides a variety of resources and services (e.g., tutoring, workshops, writing guides, handbooks) intended to support students as they work to construct and share knowledge through writing [See http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/].

PROFESSIONAL DISPOSITIONS

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times.

CORE VALUES COMMITMENT

The College of Education & Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles. [See http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/]

For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, Graduate School of Education, please visit our website [See http://gse.gmu.edu/]

Course Policies & Expectations Attendance.

Students are expected to be present for the duration of every synchronous discussion, and to participate in every synchronous discussion. Students may not reschedule missed Synchronous Discussions or Research Profile presentations.

Late Work.

Given the possibility of computer or internet difficulties some students may experience from time to time, students must consider and identify alternative availability of computers and internet access (e.g., public libraries, their employer (if permissible by the employer), internet cafes, etc.) within the first week of this course to ensure that they will be able to complete their assignments in a timely manner.

Students are strongly encouraged to complete all assignments during the weeks they first become available in order to keep up with the course. All work must be completed within two weeks of first becoming available. Discussion Board items and Lesson Tests will be available for only two weeks (from 12:00 am on the first Monday of availability to 11:59 pm of the last Monday of availability), although lesson recordings and their embedded quizzes will remain available for the duration of the course once they become available. No work may be edited or submitted after 18 December 2013 at 11:59 pm, US Eastern Time.

The Final Exam is available only between midnight on 9 December 2013 and 11:59 pm on 18 December 2013, both US Eastern Time. Students will not have access to this exam before or after those times.

TaskStream Submission

Every student registered for any Special Education course with a required performance-based assessment is required to submit this assessment, Final Exam Feedback to TaskStream (regardless of whether a course is an elective, a onetime course or part of an undergraduate minor). Evaluation of the performance-based assessment by the course instructor will also be completed in TaskStream. Failure to submit the assessment to TaskStream will result in the course instructor reporting the course grade as Incomplete(IN). Unless the IN grade is changed upon completion of the required TaskStream submission, the IN will convert to an F nine weeks into the following semester.

If you have never used TaskStream before, you MUST use the login and password information that has been created for you. This information is distributed to students through GMU email, so it is very important that you set up your GMU email. For more TaskStream information, go to http://cehd.gmu.edu/api/taskstream

Grading Scale

The distribution of total possible points per assignment type, and grading scale, are as follows:

Assignment	Points Possible	Number of	Total Points	Cumulative
Type	per Instance	Instances	Possible	Points Possible
Discussion	2 points per DBI	16 DBIs	32 points	32 points
Board Items				
Embedded	1 point per	134 questions	134 points	166 points
Lesson Quizzes	question			
Lesson Tests	15 points per test	7 Tests	105 points	271 points
Synchronous	5 points per	5 discussions	25 points	296 points
Discussions	discussion			
Reseearch	20 points per	1 paper	20 points	316 points
Profile Paper	paper			
Research Profile	5 points per	1 presentation	5 points	321 points
Presentation	presentation			
Final Exam	50 points per	1 Exam	50 points	371 points
	Exam			

$$A = 352 - 377$$
 points $A - 334 - 351$ points $B = 296 - 333$ points $C = 260 - 295$ points $F < 260$ points

Assignments

NCATE/TaskStream Assignments.

The Final Examination is the Taskstream Assignment for this course. You will take a 50 multiple choice item final exam online. Once you open this exam, you must complete it – you may not close it and reopen it. You will have only one opportunity to complete this exam. You will earn 1 point toward your final grade for each correct response. You will also take this examination on your first night of class as a pretest. Using the exam in this way permits the instructor an evaluation of the extent to which the course objectives of were met. It also removes any mystery, for the students, as to what constitutes the final exam. You'll receive feedback on your pretest performance during the second or third class session, including a breakdown of percentage correct by content area. After completing the Final Exam, you'll receive a feedback form by e-mail which you will be required to then submit electronically to Taskstream. Once the feedback form's been submitted, it will be rated according to the following rubric with regard to the extent to which you've mastered the material as it pertains to the following sections from the BACB Task List:

	Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets Expectations 2	Exceeds Expectations 3
Specific Behavior Change Procedures	Candidate demonstrates further learning needed by answering fewer than 80% of items correctly pertaining to: Use interventions based on manipulation of antecedents, such as motivating operations and discriminative stimuli. Use discrimination training procedures. Use instructions and rules. Use contingency contracting (i.e., behavioral contracting). Use independent, and dependent group contingencies. Use stimulus equivalence procedures. Plan for behavioral contrast effects. Use the matching law and recognize factors influencing choice. Arrange high-probability request sequences. Use the Premack Principle. Use pairing procedures to establish new conditioned reinforcers and punishers. Use errorless learning procedures. Use matching-to-sample procedures.	Candidate demonstrates competence by correctly answering 80 – 99% of questions pertaining to: Use interventions based on manipulation of antecedents, such as motivating operations and discriminative stimuli. Use discrimination training procedures. Use instructions and rules. Use contingency contracting (i.e., behavioral contracting). Use independent, interdependent, and dependent group contingencies. Use stimulus equivalence procedures. Plan for behavioral contrast effects. Use the matching law and recognize factors influencing choice. Arrange high-probability request sequences. Use the Premack Principle. Use pairing procedures to establish new conditioned reinforcers and punishers. Use errorless learning procedures. Use matching-to-sample procedures.	Candidate demonstrates mastery by responding correctly to 100% of questions pertaining to: Use interventions based on manipulation of antecedents, such as motivating operations and discriminative stimuli. Use discrimination training procedures. Use instructions and rules. Use contingency contracting (i.e., behavioral contracting). Use independent, interdependent, and dependent group contingencies. Use stimulus equivalence procedures. Plan for behavioral contrast effects. Use the matching law and recognize factors influencing choice. Arrange high-probability request sequences. Use the Premack Principle. Use pairing procedures to establish new conditioned reinforcers and punishers. Use matching-to-sample procedures.

Candidate demonstrates further learning needed by answering correctly fewer than 80% of questions pertaining to:

- Lawfulness of behavior.
- Selectionism.
- Determinism.
- Empiricism.
- Parsimony.
- Pragmatism.
- Environmental (as opposed to mentalistic) explanations of behavior.
- Distinguish between radical and methodological behaviorism.
- Distinguish between the conceptual analysis of behavior, experimental analysis of behavior, applied behavior analysis, and behavioral service delivery.
- Define and provide examples
 - o Behavior, response, response class
 - Environment, stimulus, stimulus class
 - Stimulus equivalence
 - o Reflexive relations (US-UR)
 - Respondent conditioning (CS-CR)
 - o Operant conditioning
 - Respondent-operant interactions
 - Unconditioned reinforcement
 - Conditioned reinforcement
- Unconditioned punishment
- Conditioned punishment
- Schedules of reinforcement and punishment
- o Extinction
- Automatic reinforcement and punishment
- Stimulus control
- Multiple functions of a single stimulus
- Unconditioned motivating operations
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Common Assignments.

Blackboard Discussion Board Items. For weeks indicated below, and in conjunction with readings from *About Behaviorism*, you will respond to the week's two Discussion Board Items. To respond, first do the assigned reading from About Behaviorism. Then, go to the Discussion Board Items for that week. Read the question, and respond to the question directly for one point. Then, on another day during the period for which the question is available, read the responses posted by your classmates, and respond to one or more of your classmates' posts for an additional point. Posts must be made during the two-week for which they are available.

Other Assignments.

Quizzes. There are 134 quiz questions embedded into the lecture presentations you will view as part of this course. Most of the presentation segments end with one to seven quiz questions. You will receive 1 point for each correct quiz response. Missed quiz items may be repeated, but you must watch again the presentation segment of which that quiquestion is a part to answer it a second time.

Online Flashcards. These are available through the Anki tab on this course's blackboard site. You will be assigned one or two sets of flash cards during most weeks. You are strongly encouraged to complete these assignments to mastery – responding correctly on each card in the deck in 30 seconds or less per deck (and, the faster, the better). These assignments will help you build fluency with some basic vocabulary and concepts that you will encounter throughout the Applied Behavior Analysis courses at George Mason University, and throughout your career as a Behavior Analyst. Fluent behavior (e.g., behavior that is correct, quickly – almost automatically) is generally more durable, likely to generalize, and likely to persist in the face of distraction than non-fluent behavior. Please practice every deck, as assigned, several times each day, until you are regularly completing eachdeck with 100% accuracy in fewer than 30 seconds. (Even shorter timings are better!)

Synchronous Discussions. You will participate in five synchronous (live) discussions as specified on the first page of this syllabus. You will earn 5 points for participating in each discussion. (Please note, though, that participation points are contingent on speaking and contributing to the discussion – not solely on attendance.) You may not make up missed synchronous discussion points due to attendance without participation, or due to absence.

Lesson Tests. Lessons 2 through 8 end with a 15 multiple choice item Lesson Test. Test questions are based on content of the Cooper, Heron, and Heward text and on the content of the Lesson presentations. Complete these tests only after completing the other portions of each respective lesson. Each test item is worth one point toward your final grade.

Research Profile. This assignment will: 1) provide you experience using PsychInfo to conduct literature searches; 2) acquaint students with GMU library resources; 3) provide individual students with exposure to the behavior analytic literature; and 4) provide exposure to behavior analysis as a transcendent discipline and practice to the class. To do this assignment:

1. Choose your author from the following list, on the Wiki available in the Research Profiles Tab on Blackboard. (Note: the first student to claim an author gets the author! Please check and see who your classmates have selected before making your selection. Students selecting an author who has already been selected will be asked to select another author.)

Timothy R.	Beth Sulzer-	Gina Green	Sigrid Glenn	Kathryn J.
Vollmer	Azaroff			Saunders
Kennon A. Lattal	Linda J. Hayes	Alan Poling	Michael J.	Gerald L. Shook
			Dougher	
Mark Sundberg	James Partington	Judith E. Favell	Raymond G.	Donald Baer
			Miltenberger	
Johnny Matson	Thomas S.	Beatrice Barrett	Jon S. Bailey	Dermot Holmes-
	Critchfield			Barnes
Aubrey C.	Julie S. Vargas	R. Douglas Greer	Timothy D.	Lawrence E.
Daniels			Hackenberg	Fraley
Dennis H. Reid	Glen Dunla-	Louis Burgio	Jay Moore	Paul Touchette
Murray Sidman	James Todd	Richard Kubina	Abigail Calkin	Philip Hineline

- 2. Once you have an author assignment, do a PsychInfo search for articles, chapters, and books written by the author. Conduct the list such that you not only get the references for the author's work, but also the abstracts.
- 3. Print the outcome of the search.
- 4. Read the abstracts.
- 5. Obtain several of the articles, chapters, or books from the library, or through interlibrary lending. Read them.
- 6. If the author is living, contact the author and, if the author is willing, interview the author, either by phone or by e-mail.
- 7. Prepare a report in which you:
 - a. Identify the type of work the author has done, and the populations considered.
 - b. Describe three notable themes you found in the author's work.
 - c. Discuss possible applications of the authors work to other populations or problems.
 - d. Cite the articles, chapters, and/or books you read in preparing your report (using APA Sixth Edition style).
- 8. Deliver your report in 5 minutes or less, leaving 2 minutes for questions or comments afterward, during one of the class sessions so indicated on the class schedule.

Definitions and Characteristics
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and uploading proof of completion to Blackboard (under the Extra Credit tab) by 11:59 pm US Eastern Time on 18 December 2013 will earn 10 points of extra credit per certificate submitted. Information on purchasing a subscription to the Behavior Development Solutions Behavior Analyst Certification Exam study software can be found at www.behaviordevelopmentsolutions.com.

Additionally, one may go to the Autism Internet Modules at www.autisminternetmodules.org. Once there, create an account. (This is free of charge.) Completing the following modules:

Differential Reinforcemen
Extinction
Prompting
Reinforcement

And then uploading proof of completion to Blackboard (under the Extra Credit Tab) by 11:59 pm US Eastern Time on 18 December 2013 will earn 5 points of extra credit per module completed.

Finally, submitting scans of one's completed guided notes (with one's name atop each page) for both the reading from the Cooper, Heron, and Heward (2007) book and for the lectures no later than 11:59 pm on the last Monday of availability of corresponding Lesson Tests will earn two points of extra credit for each set of guided notes completed and submitted. These, too, must be submitted through Blackboard under the Extra Credit Tab, and a submission link under that tab will become available when the corresponding materials become available, and will no longer be available after 11:59 pm on the last Monday of availability for the corresponding Lesson Tests.

Schedule

Throughout the following table, *ABA* refers to the Cooper, Heron, & Heward (2007) text, and *AB* to *About Behaviorism*.

Date	Topics	Assignments
	Orientation to Applied Behavior	Complete Quiz Questions no later than 9
Week of	Analysis, Behavior Analyst	Sept 13
26 Aug 13	Certification, and the GMU	Complete Pretest no later than 9 Sept 13
Lesson 1	Behavior Analysis Certificate	
available	Program; Syllabus Review	

3 Sept 13

4:30 - 5:20 pm, US Eastern Time – Synchronous Discussion through Blackboard Collaborate – Questions and Answers regarding the course; How to become a BCBA

	Basic Philosophy and	Read ABA Ch. 1 & 2, and AB Introduction
Week of 9 Sept	Terminology; Respondent	& Ch. 1.
13; Lesson 2	Behavior and Respondent	Complete the first two Discussion Board
available;	Conditioning	(DB) Items no later than 23 Sept 13
Lesson 1		Complete quizzes no later than 23 Sept 13
closees		Complete lesson test no later than 23 Sept
		13
		Master Flashcards Deck 1

10 Sept 13 4:30 – 5:20 pm, US Eastern Time – Synchronous Discussion through Blackboard Collaborate – Comleting your Practicum or Supervised Independent Fieldwork

Week of 16 Sept 13; Lesson 3 available	Operant behavior and operant conditioning; positive and negative reinforcement; positive and negative punishment	Read <i>ABA</i> Ch. 11, 12, 14, & 15, and <i>AB</i> Ch. 2 & 3 Complete DB 3 & 4 no later than 1 Oct 13 Complete quizzes no later than 1 Oct 13 Complete lesson test no later than 1 Oct 13 Master Flashcards deck 2
Week of 23 Sept 13; Lesson 4 available; Lesson 2 closes	Operant and Respondent Extinction; Alternative methods of producing operant extinction effects	Read <i>ABA</i> Ch. 17 & 21, and <i>AB</i> Ch. 4 & 5 Complete DB 5 & 6 no later than 8 Oct 13 Complete quizzes no later than 8 Oct 13 Complete lesson test no later than 8 Oct 13 Master Flashcards deck 3
Week of 30 Sept 13; Lesson 5 avaiable; Lesson 3 closes	Schedules of Reinforcement; Differential Reinforcement	Read <i>ABA</i> Ch. 13 & 22, and <i>AB</i> Ch. 6 & 7 Complete DB 7 & 8 no later than 14Oct13 Complete quizzes no later than 14 Oct 13 Complete lesson test no later than 14 Oct 13 Master Flashcards deck 4
Week of 7 Oct 13; Lesson 6 available; Lesson 4 closes	Motivating Operations	Read <i>ABA</i> Ch. 9 & 16, and <i>AB</i> Ch. 8 & 9 Complete DB 9 & 10 no later than 21 Oct 13 Complete quizzes no later than 21 Oct 13 Complete lesson test no later than 21 Oct 13 Master Flashcards deck 5
Week of 21 Oct; 13 Lesson 7 available; Lesson 5 closes	Instructions; Prompting and Prompt Fading; Discrimination; Conditional Discrimination	Read ABA Ch. 18 and AB Ch. 10 & 11 Complete DB 11 & 12 no later than 4 Nov 13 Complete quizzes no later than 4 Nov 13 Complete lesson test no later than 4 Nov 13 Master Flashcards deck 6

Week of 28 Oct 13 Lesson 8 available; Lesson 6 closes	Instructions; Compliance; Shaping; Chaining	Review <i>ABA</i> Ch. 17, Read <i>ABA</i> Ch. 19 & 20, <i>AB</i> Ch. 12, 13, and 14 Complete DB 13 & 14 no later than 11 Nov 13 Complete quizzes no later than 11 Nov 13 Complete lesson test no later than 11 Nov 2013 Master Flashcards deck 7		
Week of 4 Nov 13; Lesson 9 available; Lesson 7 closes		Complete DB 15 & 16 no later than 26 Nov 13 Complete quizzes no later than 26 Nov 13 Master Flaschards deck 8		
4:30 pm – 5:20 pr	12 Nov 13 4:30 pm – 5:20 pm, US Eastern Time – Synchronous Discussion through Blackboard Collaborate Research Profile Presentations Master Flashcards deck 9 Lesson 8 closes (11 Nov 13)			
26 November 2013 4:30 pm – 5:20 pm, US Eastern Time – Synchronous Discussion through Blackboard Collaborate Research Profile Presentations Master Flaschards deck 10 Lesson 9 closes (25 November)				
3 December 2013 4:30 pm – 5:20 pm, US Eastern Time – Synchronous Discussion through Blackboard Collaborate Research Profile Presentations Master Flashcards decks 11 and 12				
Week of 9 December 2013	Optional Synchronous Discussion points Extra Credit) at 4:30 pm (Eastern Time) on 10 December review of course objectives an questions and answers	US 11:59 pm on 18 December 2013		

Appendix

There is no appendix!