

# DOCTORATE IN BEHAVIORAL PSYCHOLOGY: DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

## Department Requirements:

The doctoral training program operates according to a junior colleague model. You will work closely with your advisor(s), joining them in every aspect of professional development. This includes designing and conducting research, preparing manuscripts for presentation and publication, and presenting and publishing those manuscripts. You typically will work with one advisor, but may work with others or have co-advisors. Should your or your advisor's interests change over the course of graduate training, you are free to seek a new advisor.

## Coursework & Enrollment Information:

Appendix B contains a Doctoral degree checklist for the courses you are required to take -- and the sequence in which they should be taken -- in order to earn your degree. You are required to be continuously enrolled from the time you are admitted until the time you earn your degree. The number of hours in which you need to enroll depends on whether or not you have completed your Written and Oral Comprehensive Exam (described in detail below). Before you have passed your Written and Oral Comprehensive Exam you are required to enroll in at least 6 credit hours each spring and fall semester and at least 3 hrs over the summer. After you have (a) completed your required coursework, (b) successfully defended your Written and Oral Comprehensive Exam, and (c) have completed 18 hrs of post-Comprehensive Exam credit, you can enroll in as few as 1 hour per semester of dissertation credit. The number of credit hours in which you are enrolled should accurately reflect your use of department resources and faculty time. If special circumstances require that you be exempted from the enrollment requirement, you must request an exemption. The reason for the request must be described in writing and approved by your advisor before submitting it to the Director of Graduate Training.

## Students Admitted with a Master's Degree:

**Transferring credits and your Master's thesis.** If you were admitted to the program having taken graduate courses at another university, you are still required to complete all of the ABS coursework and other requirements for the Ph.D. that are outlined in Appendix B (including courses taken before the Master's degree). However, you may request that your prior graduate courses count as fulfilling a portion of the ABS coursework as long as you earned a grade of A or B (B- is not good enough). For example, you are required to take a Principles of Behavior class (ABSC 796) in the ABS program, but may have already completed a comparable graduate course at another university. If this is the case, then you may petition to waive ABSC 796 by submitting a written request to the Director of Graduate Training. Each request should be accompanied by (a) the course syllabus of the previously completed course (b) the syllabus from the course you are petitioning to waive, (c) documentation of the grade earned in it (e.g., copy of your transcript, which the ABS graduate secretary has on file), and (d) a letter of support from your advisor. Here are some important rules and regulations you should consider before submitting your request:

- You may not request to waive a course with one you took 6 or more years earlier.
- You may not substitute distance- or continuing-education courses for KU graduate coursework.
- Up to 6 hours of your transfer credits (8 hours if you earned your undergraduate degree from KU) can be counted as fulfilling the course *credits* requirements of the M.A. or Ph.D. degrees. These hours cannot be the last hours needed for your degree.
  - Although credits will transfer and fulfill some course requirements, students are still required to earn from KU the credit hours required for a graduate degree:
    - M.A.: 12 hours of content courses plus 3 hrs of practicum
    - Ph.D.: 24 hours of content courses plus 6 hrs of practicum
- All transfers are approved at the discretion of the Graduate Curriculum Committee.
- You may not submit a petition if you are beyond your first year *and* you have not submitted an annual progress evaluation in the preceding academic year.

An empirical Master's thesis orally defended in front of a committee at another university will be accepted at KU if (a) you successfully passed the oral defense, (b) your adviser reads the thesis and finds that it meets the standards of the ABS department, and (c) the Graduate Curriculum Committee

votes with a simple majority to accept the recommendation of your advisor. Your advisor should document this in a letter addressed to the ABS Director of Graduate Training.

**Pro-seminar requirements.** Students admitted with a Master's degree are required to complete two pro-seminar presentations (see below). We recommend that your first presentation be given in your first year, and that the topic of your presentation be the research you conducted for your Master's degree.

### **Practica:**

In addition to your classes, you are required to complete at least two semesters of research or intervention practicum. Speak to your advisor each semester to determine the section (course number) in which you should enroll. Most students complete their practicum requirement with their advisor, but you may complete it under the supervision of other ABS regular, adjunct, and courtesy faculty members. You should talk to your advisor about what opportunities are available and who is available to supervise your activities. If you are interested in obtaining Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) certification after meeting your Master's requirements, you must ensure that your practicum courses meet the BACB requirements (e.g., supervision by a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, allocation of hours to a variety of professional activities, record keeping, etc.). Because the BACB standards change periodically, you should check their website for the latest information at [www.bacb.com](http://www.bacb.com).

### **Pro-seminar I Requirement:**

Graduate students are expected to attend pro-seminar sessions when they are scheduled throughout the Fall and Spring semesters. These are usually scheduled for Friday afternoons at 3:30. Pro-seminars are typically presentations given by graduate students (see next paragraph), faculty members, and visiting scholars.

As part of your master's degree requirements, you are required to present the results of your research (basic, applied, or conceptual) at a weekly pro-seminar meeting. The presentation must be comparable to that which would be given at a professional conference (not a panel discussion). You should be ready to field questions from your peers and the faculty in attendance.

### **Master's Thesis:**

If you are pursuing the Ph.D. degree, you are required to propose, complete, write up, and orally defend an empirically-based Master's thesis. You may begin working on it as soon as you begin the program, but should have begun it by the end of your first year. The first step is to decide on a topic and develop the research project with your advisor. Next, you select members of your thesis committee, the guidelines for which are provided below. Data collection may begin once your advisor has approved the project and you have approval from the university's Human Subject's Committee. You may also want to obtain approval from the other members of your thesis committee. While working on your thesis, you will enroll in ABSC 899 Master's Thesis in Applied Behavioral Science with your advisor. When your data are collected and analyzed, the thesis needs to be written and defended. You will have successfully completed your Master's thesis when it is signed by two of three members of your thesis committee (see below) *and* you have completed 30 credit hours numbered 500 and higher while classified as a graduate student, including credit hours enrolled in ABSC 899 (see Appendix A).

**Application for degree.** To graduate with the M.A. degree, you must complete an Application for Degree several months in advance of your anticipated graduation date. This form may be obtained from the ABS Graduate Secretary. You should be aware that the College has strict deadlines and they ***do not*** give extensions to students regardless of your circumstances. Before completing the application, you will need to meet with the graduate secretary to determine if you have completed all the requirements for the degree before scheduling your defense. Your committee members must be approved in writing by the college before you defend your Master's thesis.

**Thesis committee.** Your thesis committee is composed of three members of the KU graduate faculty. Two of your members of the committee, including the chair, must have at least a 10% tenure-track appointment in the department. That is, a majority of the committee must be comprised of ABS faculty with "Regular" status, with at least a 10% appointment (see <http://www.absc.ku.edu/faculty/>). The third member may also be (a) a department member who is on the graduate faculty and has at least a 10% appointment or (b) may be an ad-hoc or special appointment to the graduate faculty. These members are typically ABS courtesy or adjunct faculty members, but they should be *uniquely qualified by training or*

*experience* to serve on the thesis committee. Forming the thesis committee is your responsibility and should be done with the advice and consent of your advisor.

**Changing committee members.** You may choose to replace members of your thesis committee at your discretion. When a change occurs, for whatever reason, you are responsible for finding a replacement. The ABS department incurs no obligation to provide a replacement committee member.

**The document itself.** The written thesis must conform to the guidelines outlined in the latest edition of the APA Style Manual. It must also conform to the physical specifications required by the College. You should review these before you start writing so that you do not spend time reformatting it later. This information may be found at <http://www.graduate.ku.edu/~etd/>.

**Thesis defense.** When you have finished writing your thesis and have had it approved by your advisor, you should schedule a time to defend it that can be attended by your committee members. This is your responsibility. You are required to notify the graduate secretary *two weeks in advance* of your plan to schedule a thesis defense. Some paper work must be completed in order to have the defense.

Two weeks prior to your defense, you need to provide your committee members with the final draft of your thesis, including all figures and tables. Should a member of the thesis committee request further documentation of any aspect of the research process (e.g., completed data sheets or a contact person at the research site), this request will be honored.

The defense is passed if 2 of the 3 committee members vote to pass it. If you do not pass, you may not defend it again for a period of at least 90 days. If the oral defense is failed twice, you have 30 days to petition the department for a third attempt. Failure to petition or a rejected petition will result in your dismissal from the program.

**After a successful defense.** Provided that you pass your defense, you will have all committee members sign a title page that contains lines for their signature. Give these title/acceptance pages to the graduate secretary after the defense meeting.

Often a thesis committee will ask that you make some changes to the document before it is submitted to the College. You must be enrolled in at least 1 credit hour of thesis credit while making changes to your thesis. Should you take longer than 6 months to complete the changes to your thesis, you must enroll in 3 credit hours per semester until the revised thesis is completed.

Once changes are made and you have your advisor's approval, you will electronically submit your thesis to the College. This process is described at: <http://www.graduate.ku.edu/~etd/>.

You must also have at least one copy of your thesis bound; however, most students have a second copy bound to place on their bookshelf for posterity. You are required to submit to the Department one bound and one unbound copy of your thesis (give these to the graduate secretary). Finally, you will need to pay your fees to the Graduate School (see the same website).

## What's Next?

Students are free to begin working on Ph.D. level coursework and other requirements even before they have defended their Master's thesis. However, students will not be allowed to continue working toward their Ph.D. if they have not passed their Written and Oral Comprehensive Exam within three years of the date they successfully defended their Master's thesis (see below).

Obtaining the Ph.D. degree requires the successful completion of the following task (each of which is described in more detail below):

- Additional coursework (9 credit hours) and practica (at least 3 credit hours) are required (see Appendix B)
- Fulfill your Research Skills and Responsible Scholarship requirement
- Pass your written & oral comprehensive examination
- Second pro-seminar requirement
- Fulfill the department's teaching requirement
- Pass three editorial critiques
- Dissertation defense

### Research Skills and Responsible Scholarship Requirement:

The Office of Graduate Studies requires students to have training in responsible scholarship and research skills pertinent to the field of research. This will be met by:

- Satisfactory completion of ABSC 735 plus one graduate-level methods course (students in the joint PhD-MPH program must complete the “plus one” course through the MPH program)
- Satisfactory completion of ABSC 841
- One of the following:
  - At least one first-author publication in peer-reviewed journals, or
  - At least 2 first-author scholarly presentations at regional, state, or national professional meetings, no more than one of which may be a poster (the work presented must have been entirely completed while at KU)
- Successful passing of the Written and Oral Comprehensive Exam

### Residency Requirement:

You should consult the KU Graduate Catalog for the latest information on residency requirements at <http://www.ur.ku.edu/Acadpub/gradcat/contents.shtml>. The requirement is discussed in the General Information section of the Catalog. Please note that the ABS Department has its own residency requirement which is discussed in the next section.

### Written & Oral Comprehensive Examination

In order to take the written and oral comprehensive examination, students must meet the requirements for (a) the ABS master’s degree (e.g., coursework, practicum) and (b) the doctoral program’s responsible scholarship and research skills requirements (excluding this exam, which is part of the requirement).

Students must pass the examination within three years of defending their master’s thesis or within three years of being admitted to the doctoral program with an approved master’s degree from another program. Failure to pass the examination within this time frame is grounds for dismissal from the graduate program. Committee members and the department must report a grade of *Satisfactory* or *Unsatisfactory*. If the student receives a grade of *Unsatisfactory* (i.e., fail) on the written or oral examination, it may be repeated on the recommendation of the degree program after 90 days, but it may not be taken more than 3 times (within the three year time limit, each time after the lapse of 90 days).

**Paperwork necessary to complete the exam.** About two months before the oral examination, students must complete an application to take the examination with the department’s Graduate Secretary and the College’s Office of Graduate Studies. Graduate Studies must approve the students’ applications and their committee members before the examination may be taken. Students are required to stay informed about the paperwork necessary to complete the exam (<http://www2.ku.edu/~distinction/cgi-bin/degree-programs> or [https://documents.ku.edu/policies/Graduate\\_Studies/doccomprehensiveorals.htm](https://documents.ku.edu/policies/Graduate_Studies/doccomprehensiveorals.htm)).

**Written and oral comprehensive exam committee.** Your committee is composed of a minimum of five members of the KU graduate faculty. Three of the members of the committee must have at least a 10% tenure-track appointment in the department. That is, a majority of the committee must be comprised of ABS faculty with “Regular” status, with at least a 10% appointment (see <http://www.absc.ku.edu/faculty/>). The fourth member may also be (a) a department member who is on the graduate faculty and has at least a 10% appointment or (b) an ad-hoc or special appointment to the graduate faculty. These members are typically ABS courtesy or adjunct faculty members, but they should be *uniquely qualified by training or experience* to serve on the committee. The fifth must be an outside member representing Graduate Studies, but cannot be an adjunct or courtesy ABS faculty member. Students may include additional voting members on their committees, but the majority of all the voting members must be regular ABS faculty members. Forming the committee is a student’s responsibility and should be done with the advice and consent of your faculty advisor.

**Changing committee members.** You may choose to replace members of your written and oral comprehensive exam committee at your discretion. When a change occurs, for whatever reason, you are responsible for finding a replacement. The ABS department incurs no obligation to provide a replacement committee member.

**Written examination.** In preparation for the oral comprehensive exam, the student will write a research proposal paper which will include a critical and *comprehensive* review of the research literature relevant to the research question(s) posed. The topic of the research proposal paper is chosen by the student with the guidance of his/her advisor. See Appendix D for more details on departmental expectations.

The written product may take two forms: an APA formatted research proposal paper or a NIH formatted grant proposal. Both formats must include the following:

- Introduction (Background & Significance)
  - A well-integrated, comprehensive, critical review of the literature relevant to the topic. This should logically lead to a well-reasoned rationale for the research question and the study proposed.
    - There is no upper or lower range of pages that may be required to complete this section – some literatures are vast and some are much smaller. The doctoral aspirant should ensure he/she has provided a comprehensive literature review of the topic he/she has chosen for the dissertation. Where the directly relevant literature is small, the aspirant should work with his/her advisor to identify related literatures that would inform the dissertation.
    - NIH and other granting agencies frequently place a page limit on proposals. If the aspirant is not confident that the Background & Significance section of the proposal provides a comprehensive review of the literature relevant to the topic, then he/she should exceed the granting agencies page limit for the purposes of the written comprehensive exam.

- Method

The proposed methods must demonstrate the student's knowledge of research methods appropriate to the purpose of the research (e.g., within-subjects or between groups designs). The aspirant should propose research methods that exert as much experimental control as possible given the constraints of the setting. Behavioral measures should address issues of verification (e.g., inter-observer agreement or procedural fidelity) where appropriate.

- Data Analysis

The proposal should include a detailed plan for data analysis (e.g., assessing for autocorrelation, statistical analysis of time-series data, etc.).

**Oral examination.** In preparation for the oral examination, students provide their committee members with a copy of their written examination (i.e., the literature review, dissertation proposal) at least two weeks before the scheduled date of the defense. Please be respectful of your committee members' time and allow sufficient opportunity for them to adequately prepare for the exam. If committee members request additional material related to the review or proposal, students will honor those requests (e.g., for copies of the articles reviewed).

For the oral examination, students ordinarily prepare and present a 20-minute overview of their literature review and dissertation proposal, during which time committee members ask questions concerning the review, the proposal, and the presentation. Given that the written examination and presentation are based on students' general knowledge of the field up to that point in their training (i.e., the requirements to take the examination), these questions naturally constitute a comprehensive oral examination of that knowledge in the context of the written examination and its presentation (e.g., about research methods, design, data analysis). That is, answers to questions about the reviews, proposals, and presentations require general knowledge that goes beyond the written examinations and presentations. Independent of the review and proposal, committee members may also ask questions relevant to that knowledge (e.g., based on the students' coursework and research requirements).

Committee members and the department must report a grade of *Satisfactory* or *Unsatisfactory*. The written and oral comprehensive examination is passed if the majority of the committee members vote to pass (i.e., grade of *Satisfactory*), separately, the students' (a) written examination (i.e., literature review, dissertation proposal) and (b) oral examination (i.e., presentation, defense). If either fails (i.e., grade of *Unsatisfactory*), then the written and oral comprehensive examination fails. **Note, the written and oral comprehensive exams are graded separately.** Passing both constitutes passing the department's written and oral comprehensive examination and the College's comprehensive oral examination requirement (see the University of Kansas online 2011-2012 *Graduate Catalog* at <http://www2.ku.edu/~distinction/cgi-bin/degree-programs>).

*Please remember that you should propose your dissertation at the earliest point so you can get feedback before you proceed too far with data collection.*

### **Pro-seminar II Requirement:**

Before you defend your doctoral dissertation you will be required to present the results of your research at a weekly pro-seminar meeting. The presentation must be comparable to that which would be given at a professional conference (not a panel discussion). You should be ready to field questions from your peers and the faculty in attendance.

### **Teaching Requirement:**

To fulfill the department's teaching requirement, students must complete Option A or B before they can defend their dissertation. Students planning to apply for faculty positions after leaving KU are strongly encouraged to select Option A and to consider completing the additional requirements for Option B.

- **Option A:** The student must...
  - complete either one 0.5 (20 hrs/wk) or two 0.25 GTA positions, and...
  - be the primary instructor for a minimum of two instructional sessions (e.g., lectures or the presentation of materials to practicum students) in the course for which they are serving as a GTA (the student is responsible for developing the materials presented in these instructional sessions), and...
  - obtain numeric student evaluations of teaching efficacy (the graduate student's name must appear on the student evaluation questionnaire), and...
  - write a statement of *philosophy of teaching* (often required when applying for faculty positions), and...
  - submit these materials with a statement from the student's advisor indicating that all of the above requirements have been met.
- **Option B:** The student must...
  - earn a B or higher in either LA&S 792 (a 3 credit hour college teaching course taught by CTE) or 3 credit hour modified offering of ABSC 941 (Teaching & Conference), and...
  - attend three teaching-relevant brown-bag sessions hosted by the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE), and...
  - complete one professional-seminar guest lecture (as if teaching an applied behavioral science course), and...
  - obtain numeric evaluations of teaching efficacy (the graduate student's name must appear on the student evaluation questionnaire) for the aforementioned professional-seminar guest lecture, and...
  - write a statement of *philosophy of teaching* (often required when applying for faculty positions), and...
  - submit these materials with a statement from the student's advisor indicating that all of the above requirements have been met.

### Three Editorial Critiques:

When you have completed your Ph.D., you may be called upon to serve as a reviewer on manuscripts submitted for publication to professional journals or for grants submitted to funding agencies. To give you formal training in this skill, you will write three journal critiques as part of your doctoral training.

- The targets of these critiques will be research articles/manuscripts, all of them empirical.
- The target articles must cover a range of topics and research methods/experimental designs.
- You may complete the first two editorial critiques as part of a course requirement with the final approval of your advisor. The Graduate Curriculum Committee does not need to approve these critiques.
- The third editorial critique must be completed independently outside of a course assignment.
- Your third critique is reviewed by a panel of three ABSC faculty members, including adjunct faculty, one of whom is your advisor. The reviews are arranged by the student and advisor.
- Before submitting your review for grading, you should work with your advisor to assure that it is likely to pass.
- The review is passed if it receives a passing grade from two faculty members, one of whom may be your advisor. These faculty members may ask that the review be revised and resubmitted before awarding it a passing grade. They may also award a failing grade.
- If your critique receives a failing grade, it cannot be revised and resubmitted, nor can it be submitted to another faculty member for a second opinion.
- If you fail your final critique, you should discuss how to complete the requirement on a new target article with your advisor.
- You are free to select whomever you like for your readers on your second attempt at the final editorial critique.

### Dissertation:

In addition to completing the foregoing requirements, you will write and defend an empirically-based dissertation. According to the graduate school, a period of at least 5 months must pass between the defense of your review paper and the defense of the dissertation. You may, however, petition to have this requirement waived. See the Graduate Secretary to complete a petition. While working on your dissertation, you will enroll in ABSC 999 Doctoral Dissertation in Applied Behavioral Science with your advisor.

**Dissertation committee.** Your dissertation committee is composed of 5 members of the KU graduate faculty. Three of your committee members, including the chair, must have at least a 10% appointment in the department. Your chair must be a graduate faculty member with “dissertation status.” Most tenured professors have this status, but check with your advisor to be sure. Your fourth member may also be (a) a department member who is on the graduate faculty and has at least a 10% appointment or (b) may be an ad-hoc or special appointment to the graduate faculty. These members are typically ABS courtesy or adjunct faculty members, but they should be *uniquely qualified by training or experience* to serve on the dissertation committee. Your fifth or “outside” member must be a tenured or tenure-track professor from a KU department other than ABS; courtesy and adjunct faculty members may not fill this role. Any member of the KU/KUMC graduate faculty may attend the defense. You will likely ask your Admissions Committee members (see above) to serve as your dissertation committee, but they are not required to do so. Forming the dissertation committee is your responsibility and should be done with the advice and consent of your advisor.

**Changing committee members.** You may choose to replace members of your dissertation committee at your discretion. When a change occurs, for whatever reason, you are responsible for finding a replacement. The ABS department incurs no obligation to provide a replacement committee member.

**The document itself.** The written dissertation must conform to the guidelines outlined in the latest edition of the APA Style Manual. It must also conform to the physical specifications required by the College. You should review these before you start writing so that you do not spend time reformatting it later. This information may be found at <http://www.graduate.ku.edu/~etd/ETDDissDirections.pdf>. After you have completed all revisions of your dissertation, you should have it bound. Binding information may be found at <http://www.graduate.ku.edu/~etd/binding/>. See Appendix E for more details on expectations.

**Dissertation defense.** Before defending your dissertation you must complete paperwork with the Graduate Secretary and the College. This must be completed months in advance of your defense date so that the College may approve your application and committee members before you defend your dissertation.

Two weeks prior to your defense, you need to provide your committee members with the final draft of your dissertation, including all figures and tables. If a member of the dissertation committee requests further documentation of any aspect of the research process (e.g., completed data sheets or a contact person at the research site), this request will be honored.

The defense is passed if 4 of 5 committee members vote to pass it. If you do not pass, you may not defend it again for a period of at least 90 days. If the oral defense is failed twice, you have 30 days to petition the department for a third attempt. Failure to petition or a rejected petition will result in your dismissal from the program.

**After a successful defense.** Provided that you pass your defense, you will have all committee members sign a title page that contains lines for their signatures. Give these title/acceptance pages to the Graduate Secretary after the defense meeting.

Often a dissertation committee will ask that you make some changes to the document before it is submitted to the College. You must be enrolled in at least 1 credit hour of dissertation credit while making these changes. Should you take longer than 6 months to complete the changes to your dissertation, you must enroll in 3 credit hours per semester until the revision is completed.

Once these changes are made and you have your advisor's approval, you will electronically submit your dissertation to the College. This process is described at: <http://www.graduate.ku.edu/~etd/>.

You must also have at least one copy of your dissertation bound; however, most students have a second copy bound to place on their bookshelf for posterity. You are required to submit to the Department one bound and one unbound copy of your thesis (give these to the Graduate Secretary). Finally, you will need to pay your fees to the Graduate School (see the same website).

## APPENDIX B



## DOCTORAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

**Preliminary Requirements (after which you are awarded a Master's degree):**

Students are required to take a total of 30 credit hours before earning their M.A. At least 12 of these hours must be in content coursework and at least 3 hours of research or intervention practicum are required. Graduate students are expected to enroll in 9 credit hours per semester. The department recommends taking courses in the following order (see the KU Graduate Catalog for more complete descriptions of the requirements and courses):

<b>Year 1:</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>
<b>Fall (9 hrs):</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principles of Behavior I (3 credit hrs)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ABSC 796 Laboratory in Behavioral Development and Modification</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Research Methods I (3 credit hrs)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ABSC 735 Within-Subjects Research Methodology and Direct Observation (formerly HDFL 803)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Legal/Ethical Issues (3 credit hrs)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ABSC 841 Legal, Ethical &amp; Professional Issues in Applied Behavioral Science</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	_____ _____ _____
<b>Spring (9 hrs):</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applied Behavior Analysis I (3 credit hrs)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ABSC 861 Applied Behavior Analysis</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Conceptual Foundations I (3 credit hrs)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ABSC 798 Conceptual Foundations of Applied Behavioral Science</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Research or Intervention Practicum (3 credit hrs)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Again, consult with your advisor on the most appropriate class given your interests and career goals.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	_____ _____ _____
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<b>Year 2:</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>
<b>Fall (9 hrs):</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research or Intervention Practicum (3 credit hrs)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consult with your advisor on the most appropriate class</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If you plan to complete the FLORS through coursework, this would be a good time to take a course or two (3 courses required).</li> <li>• Thesis Hours (3-6 credit hrs)</li> </ul>	_____ _____
<b>Spring (9 hrs):</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research or Intervention Practicum (3 credit hrs)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If you plan to complete the FLORS through coursework, this would a good time to take another class.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Thesis Hours (6 credit hrs)</li> <li>• Pro-seminar presentation</li> </ul>	_____ _____ _____

## Post-Master's Requirements

### Course Requirements

In addition to completing the requirements for the Master's degree (page 1), students are required to take one course from each of the categories below. These courses may be taken in any order and may be taken before defending the Master's thesis.

	Date Completed
1. Principles of Behavior II or Conceptual Foundations II (3 credit hrs)	_____
• Any of the following courses meet this requirement: <b>ABSC 900, 921, 931, 935</b>	
2. Research Methods II (3 credit hrs)	_____
○ Any of the following courses meet this requirement: <b>ABSC 710, 805, 940</b>	
3. Applied Behavior Analysis II (3 credit hrs)	_____
○ Any of the following courses meet this requirement: <b>ABSC 788, 802, 821, 961</b>	
4. Research or Intervention Practicum II (at least 3 credit hrs)	_____
○ Consult with your advisor on the courses that fulfill this Requirement	
5. Dissertation Hours (at least 3 credit hrs)	_____

The courses that have been pre-approved by the Behavior Analysis Certification Board (BACB) for taking its national exam are in **bold italics**. Students wishing to take that exam for the *Certified Behavior Analyst* credential are strongly encouraged to take these classes.

Students wishing to complete the Ph.D. program accredited by the Association for Behavior Analysis should take ABSC 921 (History & Systems) as well as one off the **bold** or **bold-italicized** courses listed in each of the categories above.

See the University of Kansas Graduate Catalog for more complete descriptions of the requirements and courses.

### Graduate School Requirements:

Date Completed

**Residency Requirement:** You must be enrolled and on campus for at least 2 semesters to fulfill this requirement.

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**RS&RS Requirement:** The ABS graduate student handbook outlines all of the ways you can meet the Research Skills and Responsible Scholarship requirements. Also, see your advisor.

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### ABS Requirements:

#### Written & Oral Comprehensive Exam

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**Three Editorial Critiques:** Students are required to write three journal-style reviews of published or unpublished empirical manuscripts. See the ABS Graduate Student Handbook for a complete description of this requirement. Students should begin working on these as soon as they have defended their Master's thesis.

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#### Pro-seminar Requirement:

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**Teaching Requirement:**

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**Date Completed**

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Option A

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Option B

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**Dissertation Oral Defense**

See ABS Graduate Student Handbook and your advisor for details.

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