

# AUTISM STUDIES MINOR

## Learning Goals and Objectives

**Goal 1:** Graduates of the Autism Studies Minor will know and understand the potential causes, symptoms and diagnostic criteria of Autism Spectrum Disorders as well as the specific needs of individuals with autism across the lifespan and how they are treated.

**Objective 1.1:** Demonstrate knowledge of the current theories on the causes of Autism Spectrum Disorders.

**Objective 1.2:** Demonstrate knowledge of the frequency, characteristics, symptoms, and diagnostic criteria of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

**Objective 1.3:** Demonstrate knowledge of the nature of stereotypes, stigma, and discrimination of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

**Goal 2:** Graduates of the Autism Studies Minor will know and understand the specific behavioral needs of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders as well as behavior-based and alternative interventions to behaviors frequently displayed by individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

**Objective 2.1:** Identify the behavioral excesses and deficits frequently displayed by children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders and demonstrate understanding of approaches to treating behaviors using interventions grounded in Applied Behavior Analysis as well as medically related therapeutic services.

**Objective 2.2:** Demonstrate the ability to communicate orally and in writing in the language of the discipline and the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis.

**Goal 3:** Graduates of the Autism Studies Minor will understand, follow and demonstrate the ethical guidelines and professional codes of conduct for working with individuals with autism.

**Objective 3.1:** Demonstrate the roles and responsibilities of behavior analysts, therapists, allied health professionals and related staff, and demonstrate understanding of ethics guidelines in working with individuals with autism.

**Objective 3.2:** Demonstrate understanding of ethical guidelines in working with individuals with autism.

**Goal 4:** Graduates of the Autism Studies Minor will identify and understand the difficulties that families face in coping with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

**Objective 4.1:** Identify the impact on parents, siblings, families, and friends of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and demonstrate how to best help these individuals cope with associated stress.

**Goal 5:** Graduates of the Autism Studies Minor will demonstrate how to collect behavioral data using Applied Behavior Analysis; to measure the progress and to develop behavior intervention plans for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

**Objective 5.1:** Collect data on the progress of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and develop behavior plans.

**Objective 5.2:** Identify and demonstrate methods to empirically assess and evaluate the behavior of individuals with autism spectrum disorders for the purpose of developing intervention plans.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
<b>Required Electives</b>		
ABA 100	Intro Autism Spectrum Disorder	3
ABA 200	Applied Behav Anlysis & Autism	3
ABA 201	Skill Assess & Instr ABA&ASD	3
Select three of the following:		
EDU 121	Child Development	3
EDU 241	Soc/Emo Dev/Lrn: Erly Chld	3
IHS 110	Intro Health Prof Practice	3
IHS 248	Health of School Aged Children	3
IHS 490	Internship in Health Studies	3
ABA 468	Resources& Advocacy for Autism	3
ABA 469	Adult/Transition Autism	3
ABA 471	Special Topics in Autism	3
LIN 150	First Year Seminar	3
LIN 320	Phonetics	3
PHL 286	Philosophy of Mental Illness	3
PSY 120	Lifespan Development	3
PSY 222	Neuropsychology	3
PSY 226	Psychology of Emotion	3
PSY 237	Child Psychological Disorders	3
SPE 160	Intro to Special Education	3
SPE 200		3
SPE 369	Ed Stds w/Emot-Social Beh Disb	3
SPE 379	Fam School & Comm:Diverse Soc	3