Online Courses in Behaviour Analysis

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ONLINE AT WAIKATO

From 2013 the Behaviour Analysis courses at The University of Waikato will be offered online, and will be available to international and external students. These courses meet the standards for the BACB®. They also form some of the course work for the Masters in Applied Psychology Degree or a Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology in Behaviour Analysis. The masters degree requires a research thesis and it is possible for a student to complete this through distance supervision, for some locations local supervision might be available. Studying Behaviour Analysis online with The University of Waikato can be full or part time.

Thus, at The University of Waikato you can complete a Masters Degree in Applied Psychology in Behaviour Analysis (MAppPsy(BA)), or a Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology (PGDip(Psych)) in Behaviour Analysis as well as have the course work hours completed count toward certification with the BACB®.

WHAT IS BEHAVIOUR ANALYSIS?
As a student of Behaviour Analysis, you will learn the skills by which behaviour can be understood and changed. These skills include techniques to define and measure behaviour, create behaviour change programs and evaluate their effectiveness. Many of these skills are taught in courses that combine theoretical and practical learning.

WHAT IS OFFERED?
The School of Psychology at The University of Waikato offers a Masters degree in Applied Psychology or a Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology specialising in Behaviour Analysis; the programmes have been offered on campus since 2005. The courses offered form course sequences approved by the BACB® (Behavior Analyst Certification Board®, see http://www.bacb.com) as providing the academic course work hours required for a student to apply to sit the certification examination for both BCBA® (Board Certified Behavior Analyst®) and Bcba® (Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst®).

To gain certification requires the candidate to have completed a Masters Degree, a specified number of hours in academic course work covering specific areas, a specified number of hours of supervised and appropriate practical experience and an examination run by the BACB®.

COURSES OFFERED

PSYC560A(NET) Applied Behaviour Analysis: Issues and Theory (15 Points)
PSYC561A(NET) Behaviour Analysis: Research & Theory (15 Points)
PSYC577B(NET) Recent Research in Behaviour Analysis (15 Points)
PSYC538B(NET) Applications of Behaviour Analysis (15 Points)
PSYC551C(NET) Case Study Analysis in Applied Psychology (40 Points)
PSYC552C(NET) Professional Issue (20 Points)

Courses designated with an A are offered in the A Semester (March – July), those with B are offered in the B Semester (July – November), and those designated with a C are offered over any 12 month period. Courses can be started any time in discussion with the staff in the programme.

Entry into PSYC538(NET), PSYC560(NET), PSYC561(NET), and PSYC577(NET) requires the student to have the minimum of a Bachelors Degree in Psychology from a recognised institution.

Entry into PSYC551(NET) and PSYC552(NET) requires the student to have the minimum of a PGDip in Psychology or a Bachelors Degree with Honours in Psychology (or equivalent) from a recognised institution.

For students with an Honours Degree in Psychology (or equivalent), the amount of work in a PGDip(Psych) in Behaviour Analysis is equivalent to one year of fulltime study, and the amount of work in a MAppPsy in Behaviour Analysis is equivalent to two years of fulltime study.

SUGGESTED TIMELINES

Students studying part time can take one or more course per semester. They normally complete PSYC538B(NET), PSYC560A(NET), PSYC561A(NET) and PSYC577B(NET) prior to enrolling in PSYC551C(NET) and PSYC552C(NET).

The fulltime online workload over one year for a PGDip(Psych) or the first year of a MAppPsy in Behaviour Analysis would be:

A Semester (March – July)
PSYC560A(NET) (15 points)
PSYC561A(NET) (15 points)

B Semester (July – November)
PSYC538B(NET) (15 points)
PSYC577B(NET) (15 points)

All Year
PSYC551C(NET) (40 points)
PSYC552C(NET) (20 points)
Total points: 120

The second year of a MAppPsy in Behaviour Analysis normally involves a 120 point research thesis (PSYC594C).