COURSE APPROVAL DOCUMENT

Southeast Missouri State University

Department: College of Education, Departments of Elementary, Early, Special Ed

Course No. AB 531

Title of Course: Basic Principles in Applied Behavior Analysis

Date: Fall 2015

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I. **Catalog Description (3 Credit Hours of Course)**: Surveys the concepts and principles of operant and respondent conditioning, and applications and research from the science of Applied Behavior Analysis. (3)

II. **Prerequisite(s)**:

60 undergraduate credit hours or the permission of the instructor

III. **Purposes or Objectives of the Course (optional)**:

- 1. Explain behavior in accordance with the philosophical assumptions of behavior analysis.
- 2. Define and distinguish among the basic principles and concepts of behavior analysis
- 3. Provide examples of the basic principles and concepts of behavior analysis.
- 4. Describe and synthesize how learning occurs within both operant and respondent conditioning models.
- 5. Provide examples of both operant and respondent behaviors.
- 6. Diagram behavioral contingencies and explain the principles of behavior illustrated in the diagram.
- 7. Present topics using appropriate terminology from behavior analysis.
- 8. Distinguish among the verbal operants and provide examples of each.

IV. Student Learning Outcomes (Minimum of 3):

iv: Student Learning Outcomes (Annihum of 5).			
SLO	Measurement Tool		
1. Define and distinguish among the basic principles and	Average Score of 80% for		
concepts of behavior analysis	Terms & Definitions quizzes		
2. Provide original examples of the basic principles and	Average Score of 80% for		
concepts of behavior analysis.	Original Examples		
	Assignments		
3. Identify examples of the basic principles and concepts	Average Score of 80% on 4		
of behavior analysis.	Identifying Concepts and		
	Principles Exams		
4. Present topics using appropriate terminology from	Score of 80% on		
behavior analysis.	Final Project: Using		
	Appropriate Terminology		

V.	V. Behavior Analysis Certification Board (BACB) Alignment:				
	Course Objectives	BACB			
1.	Explain behavior in accordance with the philosophical assumptions of	FK 01-FK 09			
	behavior analysis.				
2.	Define and distinguish among the basic principles and concepts of	FK 10 – FK 27			
	behavior analysis	FK 29 – FK 32			
		FK 34 – FK 38			
		FK 40 – FK 42			
3.	Provide examples of the basic principles and concepts of behavior	FK 10 – FK 27			
	analysis.	FK 29 – FK 32			
	-	FK 34 – FK 38			
		FK 40 – FK 42			
4.	Describe and synthesize how learning occurs within both operant and	FK 13 – FK16			
	respondent conditioning models				
5.	Provide examples of both operant and respondent conditioning.	FK 13 – FK 20			
6.	Diagram behavioral contingencies and explain the principles of	FK 15, FK 24,			
	behavior illustrated in the diagram.	FK 26, FK 27,			
		FK 31			
7.	Distinguish among the verbal operants and provide examples of each.	FK 43 – FK 46			
8.	Present topics using appropriate terminology from behavior analysis.				

V. Behavior Analysis Certification Board (BACB) Alignment:

VI. Course Content or Outline (Indicate number of class hours per unit or section):

Unit Topics	Class Hours	Objectives
Introduction to behavior analysis	6	1, 8
Reflexive Behavior & Respondent Conditioning	3	1-6,8
Operant Conditioning	4	1-6,8
Reinforcement (positive, negative, automatic)	4	1-6,8
Extinction & Differential Reinforcement	3	1-6,8
Motivating Operations	3	1-6,8
Schedules of Reinforcement (and Punishment)	3	1-6,8
Punishment (positive, negative, automatic)	4	1-6,8
Stimulus Control	3	1-6,8
Conditioned Reinforcement and Punishment	3	1-6,8
Imitation & Rule Governed Behavior	3	1-6,8
Complex Stimulus Control (Stimulus Equivalence & Matching-to-Sample)	3	1-6,8
Verbal Behavior & Private Events	3	1-6,8
Total	45	

This course satisfies the 45 required hours in the BACB's Content Area B: Concepts and Principles in Behavior Analysis

Please Attach copy of class syllabus and schedule as an example			
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Approved by Academic Council, April 1, 2014 Revision: April 1, 2014

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY COURSE SYLLABUS

<u>AB 531: BASIC PRINCIPLES OF APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS</u> SPRING 2015 SEMESTER: OFFERED ONLINE

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I want you to be successful in this class. My wish for you is that you begin to love Behavior Analysis as much as I do. I am here to help you in any way I can, so please do not hesitate to come to office hours, chat with me online during online office hours, call or email. I am happy to meet with students outside of normal office hours.

Questions, Comments, Requests regarding this course or program should be taken to your instructor. Unanswered questions or unresolved issues involving this class may be taken to Dr. Julie Ray, Chair of the Elementary, Early and Special Education Department.

Course Purpose:

The purposes of this course are to familiarize you with the basic behavioral principles, teach you how to speak about topics in a behaviorally consistent manner, and illustrate how the knowledge of behavioral principles can enhance application. The course will be primarily devoted to the study of operant and respondent conditioning and their application to and interpretation of human behavior. This is a rigorous graduate level course and is reading intensive. If this is your first graduate course, you should consider meeting the instructor to help ensure your success! Success in this course depends on: (a) thoroughly reading the course materials, (b) careful studying and memorizing the key terms, and (c) actively patriating in the online discussions.

This is the first course in a series of courses designed for students who are interested in learning about Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and/or becoming Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) / Board Certified Associate Behavior Analysts (BCaBAs). For more information about becoming a BCBA or BCaBA, please see your instructor, and go to http://www.bacb.com/index.php?page=4

I. <u>Catalog Descriptions and Credit Hours of Course:</u>

AB 531. Basic Principles of Applied Behavior Analysis. Surveys the concepts and principles of operant and respondent conditioning, and applications and research from the science of Applied Behavior Analysis. (Required for BCBA/BCaBA certification). (3 Credits)

II. <u>Prerequisite(s)</u>:

a. 60 undergraduate credit hours or the permission of the instructor

III. Objectives of the Course:

- a. Explain behavior in accordance with the philosophical assumptions of behavior analysis.
- b. Define and distinguish among the basic principles and concepts of behavior analysis
- c. Provide examples of the basic principles and concepts of behavior analysis.
- d. Describe and synthesize how learning occurs within both operant and respondent conditioning models.
- e. Provide examples of both operant and respondent behaviors.
- f. Diagram behavioral contingencies and explain the principles of behavior illustrated in the diagram.
- g. Present topics using appropriate terminology from behavior analysis.
- h. Distinguish among the verbal operants and provide examples of each.

IV. <u>Student Learning Outcomes (Notations in Course Content & Schedule)</u>

- 1. Define and distinguish among the basic principles and concepts of behavior analysis (S1)
- 2. Provide original examples of the basic principles and concepts of behavior analysis (S2)
- 3. Identify examples of the basic principles and concepts of behavior analysis (S3)
- 4. Present topics using appropriate terminology from behavior analysis (S4)

V. <u>Expectations of the Student</u>

- a. Read the assigned chapters in the text books as well as assigned readings from scientific journals.
- b. Participate in online forum discussions.
- c. Successfully complete all quizzes, exams, and assignments.
- d. Check the website twice per week for new materials and course updates.
- e. Respond to emails within 48 hours (except on weekends and holidays).
- f. Questions regarding the course in the course Q & A Forum(s).
- g. Complete all assignments, quizzes, discussion posts by 11:59pm on the date that they are due unless otherwise noted in the instructions. *Late assignments will not be*.

VI. <u>Expectations of the Instructor</u>

Your instructor will:

- a. Respond to emails within 48 hours (except on the weekends and holidays).
- b. Participate in online forum discussions.
- c. Post grades for a given forum, quiz, exam, or assignment within 2 weeks following the due date.
- d. Not grade late assignments.
- e. Provide all updates regarding the course (e.g., cancelation off office hours) via the course News Forum.
- f. Maintain office hours and also meet with students outside of office hours as arranged by the students.

VII. <u>Textbook(s) and Other Required Materials:</u>

Required Textbooks:

Cooper, J.O., Heron, T.E., & Heward, W.L. (2007). *Applied behavior analysis* (2nd ed). Upper Saddle, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall.

Supplemental Readings:

 Journal articles and other readings will be provided throughout the semester and are noted in the Course Content & Schedule, and a list of references are provided at the end of the syllabus.

Required Technology:

A webcam or smart device with video capabilities is required for this course. You will be required to post videos of yourself for various assignments and forums (e.g., responses to readings, discussion questions). You will be required to upload videos to YouTube and save them as "Unlisted" Videos.

• If you do not have access to a webcam, you should contact or stop by the <u>Multimedia Center at Kent Library</u>

You may wish to purchase a webcam if you do not have one. You should be able to find a variety of webcams for under \$20.00. Here are some options to consider:

• Webcam: <u>click here to view options</u>

A microphone is not a requirement, but some students may find that a microphone helps produce a better sound quality.

• Microphone: <u>click here to view options</u>

VIII. Accessibility Statement:

Southeast Missouri State University and Disability Support Services remain committed to making every possible educational accommodation for students with disabilities. Many services and accommodations which aid a student's educational experience are available for students with various types of disabilities. It is the student's responsibility to contact Disability Support Services to become registered as a student with a disability. Accommodations are implemented on a case by case basis. For more information visit the following site: <u>http://www.semo.edu/ds/</u>

IX. Civility Statement

Every student at Southeast is obligated at all times to assume responsibility for his/her actions, to respect constituted authority, to be truthful, and to respect the rights of others, as to respect private and public property. In their academic activities, students are expected to maintain high standards of honesty and integrity and abide by the University's Policy on Academic Honesty. Alleged violations of the Code of Student Conduct are adjudicated in accordance with the established procedures of the judicial system.

X. Academic Honesty Statement:

Academic honesty is one of the most important qualities influencing the character and vitality of an educational institution. Academic misconduct or dishonesty is inconsistent with membership in an academic community and cannot be accepted. Violations of academic honesty represent a serious breach of discipline and may be considered grounds for disciplinary action, including dismissal from the University. Academic dishonesty is defined to include those acts which would deceive, cheat, or defraud so as to promote or enhance one's scholastic record. Knowingly or actively assisting any person in the commission of an above-mentioned act is also academic dishonesty. Students are responsible for upholding the principles of academic honesty in accordance with the "University Statement of Student Rights" found in the <u>STUDENT HANDBOOK</u>. The University requires that all assignments submitted to faculty members by students be the work of the individual student submitting the work. An exception would be group projects assigned by the instructor. In this situation, the work must be that of the group. Academic dishonesty includes:

Plagiarism. In speaking or writing, plagiarism is the act of passing someone else's work off as one's own. In addition, plagiarism is defined as using the essential style and manner of expression of a source as if it were one's own. If there is any doubt, the student should consult his/her instructor or any manual of term paper or report writing. Violations of academic honesty include:

1. Presenting the exact words of a source without quotation marks;

2. Using another student's computer source code or algorithm or copying a laboratory report; or

3. Presenting information, judgments, ideas, or facts summarized from a source without giving credit.

Cheating. Cheating includes using or relying on the work of someone else in an inappropriate manner. It includes, but is not limited to, those activities where a student:

1. Obtains or attempts to obtain unauthorized knowledge of an examination's contents prior to the time of that examination.

2. Copies another student's work or intentionally allows others to copy assignments, examinations, source codes or designs;

3. Works in a group when she/he has been told to work individually;

4. Uses unauthorized reference material during an examination; or

5. Have someone else take an examination or takes the examination for another

XI. Basis for Student Evaluations:

a. For all students:

i. First Week questionnaire, syllabus quiz, and video greeting

On the first week of class, each student is required to complete an informational questionnaire, which us used by the instructor to help improve students' experiences in the course. Additionally, a quiz us provided over the syllabus content, and each student is required to post a video greeting to the class in a forum and respond to at least 2 other student videos.

ii. Weekly Terms & Definitions Quizzes

All quizzes will be timed (30 minutes). In the first half of the quiz, students are required to provide the definition of 10 terms from the unit. In the second half of the quiz, students are required to match the term to the definition. Once a question is answered (or skipped), students will not be able to go back to the question.

iii. Weekly Forum Discussions (with original examples) - Video and Text

Students are required to participate in weekly forum discussions. Students will be able to provide original examples of concepts and principles in the unit either through written description or video presentation. At least half of the forums will require video presentations. Students will receive feedback from each other as well as the instructor. Original example posts are required by Friday at 11:55pm each week, and students are required to respond to at least <u>2</u> posts by the following Monday at 11:55pm.

iv. Original Example Assignments

Students are required to demonstrate their understanding of the concepts and principles in the course by completing assignments that require them to provide original examples. Students are encouraged to use the forum discussion to receive feedback on their examples before submitting them for assignments.

v. Identifying Concepts and Principles Exams

Students will complete 4 exams over the course of the semester. Each exam will focus on having students identify the principles and concepts from the course in a variety of examples.

vi. Final Project: Presentation Using Appropriate Terminology

Students demonstrate their knowledge of the topics covered in the course by presenting original examples using appropriate terminology from behavior analysis. Presentations should be about 10 minutes in duration. Students are required watch each other's presentations, provide feedback, and submit a rating form for each presentation to the instructor. Presentations will be

graded based on student and instructor ratings. A grading rubric will be provided.

b. For Graduate Students Only:

i. Journal Article Quizzes

Students enrolled in the course for graduate credit will be required to read supplemental journal articles and complete a quiz over the article. All quizzes will be timed, and once a question is answered (or skipped), students will not be able to return to the question.

ii. Final Project: Paper Using Appropriate Terminology

Graduate Students will be required to complete a 6-8 page, double spaced, paper that corresponds with their final presentations. The purpose of this assignment is for students to demonstrate that they can use appropriate terminology from behavior analysis to discuss various topics.

COMPONENT EVALUATION CHART ABF 531

This is a tentative plan for the semester; however, your instructor has the right to add, remove, or change assignments throughout the semester.

Component Description	Points	Due Date		
First Week:				
Student Questionnaire	5	January 26		
Syllabus Quiz	20	January 26		
Video Greeting Forum	10	Jan 23: Greeting		
		Jan 26: 2 Replies		
Forum Discussions (13 total X 10 points each)	130	Fri: Original Post		
	130	Mon: 2 Replies		
Terms and Definitions Quizzes (14 total X 10 points each)	140	40 Mondays 11:55pm		
Original Example Assignments (8 total X 20 points)	160	Mondays 11:55pm		
Identifying Concepts and Principles Exams				
(4 total X 50 points)	200	Weeks 5, 8, 12, 17		
Open during week indicated on course schedule				
Final Project: Presentation Using Appropriate		May 3: Original Post		
Terminology	100	May 10: Feedback		
		Posts, Ratings		
Total Points for Undergraduate Students:	765			
Graduate Students:				
Journal Article Quizzes (8 total X 10 points)	80	Mondays 11:55pm		
Final Project: Paper Using Appropriate Terminology	100	May 3		
Total Points for Graduate Students:	945			

с.	Undergraduate Student Evaluation***:		
	Grading Scale:		
	90-100%=A		
	80-89% = B		
	70-79% = C		
	60-69% = D		
	59 or less=F		

*** *Important*: If you are interested in becoming a BCaBA, taking this course at the undergraduate level is appropriate. If you are interested in becoming a BCBA, please speak with your instructor about taking this course at the Graduate Level. Please read the FAQ from the BACB about becoming a BCaBA and then "upgrading" to a BCBA to avoid needing to retake courses. <u>http://www.bacb.com/index.php?page=6#43</u>

d. Basis for Graduate Student Evaluation:

Grading Scale:	
90-100%=A	
80-89% = B	
70-79% = C	
69 or less=F	

XII. <u>Course Content and Schedule</u>

		Readings/Videos	Assignments/ Quizzes/Exams/Forums S=SLO Measurement	BACB Objective
Week	Торіс	G = Graduate Students Only O = Optional (Recommended)	G = Graduate Students Only O = Optional	
1	Course introduction, Introduction to Behavior Analysis	 Syllabus chapter 1 (p.7-9) What's a behavior analyst? Presentation History of ABA Presentation <u>BACB 4th ed task list</u> <u>BACB Coursework Requirements</u> (O) <u>BACB Autism Task List</u> (O) Ayllon & Michael (1959) (G) 	□Greetings Video Forum □Student Questionnaire □Syllabus & BACB Quiz □Terms Quiz (S1) □Article Quiz (G)	FK 09
2	Introduction to Behavior Analysis	 Chapter 1 (1-7; 10-23) Chapter 2 (p.25-28) Philosophical Assumptions in Behaviors Analysis Presentation Characteristics of ABA Presentation Basic Concepts Presentation Baer, Wolf, & Risley (1968) (O) 	□Terms Quiz (S1) □Philosophical Assumptions & Characteristics of ABA Forum □Baer, Wolf, & Risley Extra Credit Quiz (O)	FK-01 - FK 08; FK-10 - 11
3	Reflexive Behavior, Respondent Conditioning,	 Chapters 2 (p. 29-31) <u>Classical Conditioning Video</u> <u>Classical Conditioning Tutorial</u> Respondent Conditioning Presentation Gorn (1982) (G) 	□Terms Quiz (S1) □Classical Conditioning Video Forum □Classical Conditioning Assignment (S2) □Article Quiz (G)	FK-13, FK-14, FK-32
4	Operant Behavior	 Chapter2 (31-45) Operant Conditioning Presentation <u>Operant Conditioning Pigeon Video</u> <u>Pigeon's playing ping pong</u> Operant vs. Respondent Conditioning Presentation Capshew (1993) (G) 	□Terms Quiz (S1) □Operant Conditioning Video Forum □Operant Conditioning Assignment (S2) □Article Quiz (G)	FK-15, FK-16, FK-31, FK-32, FK-41
5	Reinforcement (positive, negative, & automatic reinforcement)	 Chapter 11 (p. 256-269) Chapter 12 (p. 291-303) Positive Reinforcement Presentation Negative Reinforcement Presentation Automatic Reinforcment Presentation Dolphin Training Big Bang Theory Borrero, Vollmer, & Wright (2002) (G) Cipani (1995) (O) 	□Exam 1 (weeks 1-4) (S3) □Terms Quiz (S1) □Forum: Reinforcement Examples □Article Quiz (G) □Cipani (1995) EC Quiz (O)	FK-17, FK-18, FK-23, FK-41
6	Extinction & Differential Reinforcement	 Chapter 21 (p. 456-463; p.164¶3-5) Extinction Presentation Chapter 22 (Not required to know guidelines for using each DR Procedure or how to change DR Intervals) Differential Reinforcement Presentation 	□Terms Quiz (S1) □Forum: Extinction & Differential Reinforcement □Reinforcement & Extinction Assignment (S2)	D-21 (intro), FK-17, FK-18, FK-22, FK-36
7	Motivating Operations	 Chapter 16 (p. 374-384] Motivating Operations Laraway et al. (2003) (G) Chapter 16 (CMO's p.384-389) (O) 	□Terms Quiz (S1) □Forum: Motivating Operations □Motivating Operations Assignment (S2) □ Article Quiz (G) □ CMO Extra Credit Quiz (O)	FK-26, FK-27, FK-29, FK-30

8	Schedules of	• Chapter 13 (Basics: p. 305-314¶1)	□Midterm Exam2 (weeks 5-7)(S3)	FK-21, FK-22,
0	Reinforcement	Basic Schedules of Reinforcement	Terms Quiz (S1)	FK-38, FK-40
	(and	Presentation (part 1)	□Forum: Schedules of	
	punishment)	• Lerman, Iwata, Shore, & DeLeon (1997) (G)	Reinforcement	
	p di lioni i cincy		□Article Quiz (G)	
9	Spring Break			
10	Punishment	• Chapter 14 (p. 326-338)	□Terms Quiz (S1)	FK-26, FK-27,
	(Positive,	• Chapter 15 (p. 357)	□Forum: Punishment	FK-21, FK-23,
	Negative, and	Punishment Presentation	Punishment & Schedules of	FK-38
	Automatic)		Reinforcement Assignment (S2)	
11	Stimulus Control	• Chapter 17 (p. 393-396¶1-3)	Terms Quiz (S1)	FK-24, FK-25,
		Stimulus Control Presentation (Part 1)	Forum: Stimulus Control	FK-29, FK-34,
		 Stimulus Control Presentation (Part 2) 	□Article Quiz (G)	FK-35, FK-37
		• Sidener, Shabani, Carr, & Roland (2006) (G)	□Stimulus Control Assignment	
			(S2)	
12	Conditioned	Conditioned Reinforcement Presentation	Exam 3 (weeks 8-11) (S3)	FK-16 - FK20,
	Reinforcement/	 Chapter 13 (Variations: p.314-323) 	□Terms Quiz (S1)	FK-21, FK-25,
	Punishment	 Variations of Schedules of Reinforcement 	□Forum: Conditioned	
		Presentation (part 2)	Reinforcement/Punishment	
		 Moher, Gould, Hegg, & Mahoney(2008) 	Article Extra Credit Quiz (O)	
		(0)		
13	Imitation and	 Imitation & Rule Governed Behavior 	□Terms Quiz (S1)	FK-41, FK-42
	Rule Governed	Presentation	□Forum: Imitation & Rule	
	Behavior	 Readings TBA 	Governed Behavior	
		• <u>Cerutti (1989)</u> (G)	🗆 Article Quiz: Cerutti (G)	
		• <u>Tarbox et al. (2011)</u> (O)	Article Extra Credit Quiz:	
			Tarbox et al. (O)	
14	Complex	• Chapter 17 (P.396¶4- p.400)	Terms Quiz (S1)	E-13 (intro),
	Stimulus Control	Complex Stimulus Control Presentation	Forum: Complex Stimulus	FK-12,
	(Stimulus	(Part 1)	Control	FK-34-FK-37,
	Equivalence &	• Complex Stimulus Control: Stimulus	Assignment: Complex Stimulus	
	Matching-to-	Equivalence & Matching-to-Sample (Part 2)	Control (S2)	
	Sample)	 <u>Keintz, Miguel, Kao, & Finn</u> (2011) (G) LeBlanc et al. (2003) (O) 	□ Article Quiz: Keintz et al. (G) □ Article Extra Credit Quiz:	
			LeBlanc et al. (O)	
15	Verbal Behavior	Chapter 25	Terms Quiz (S1)	FK-43 – FK-46
15	& Private Events	Verbal Behavior & Private Events	Forum: Verbal Behavior	FK-45 – FK-40
	d mudic Events	Presentation	Assignment: Verbal Behavior	
		Verbal Behavior FREE Web Tutorial (Foxy	(S2)	
		Learning)	Article Extra Credit Quiz: either	
		Petursdottir, Carr, & Michael (2005) (0)	Petursdottir et al (2005) OR Gross	
		• <u>Gross, Fuqua, & Merritt (2013)</u> (0)	et al. (2013) (O)	
		<u></u>	Upload final presentations (S4)	
			Upload final paper (G) (S4)	
16	Final	Watch the presentations of your	□ Respond in Final Presentations	
	Presentations	classmates	Forum (S4)	
			Submit ratings for	
			presentations (S4)	
17	FINALS WEEK	No new material	Final Exam 4 (12-15) (S3)	

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