

Animal Behavior and Conservation

MASTER'S PROGRAM CURRICULUM

36 credits, 12 courses

- The ABC MA program consists of six required courses and six elective courses.
- Each course carries three credits (except one and two credit independent research courses).
- Courses relevant to the program from disciplines other than psychology may be taken if approved by the ABC program director.
- Not all courses listed are scheduled every year and course availability may vary by semester.
- All courses require advisor permission to register.

Required Coursework

6 courses / 18 credits

Course Number	Course Title	Semester
PSYCH 69000	Independent Research in Psychology	All semesters (Internship track – Spring)
PSYCH 70500	Statistical Methods in Psychology I	Fall only
PSYCH 70701*	Thesis Research	Fall, Spring
PSYCH 71200*	Animal Behavior & Conservation Internship	Fall only
PSYCH 71600	Animal Behavior I: Mechanisms of Behavior	Fall only
PSYCH 71700	Animal Behavior & Conservation in Captivity and the Wild	Fall only
PSYCH 73900	Research Methods in Animal Behavior	Spring only

*For Thesis MA Track Students ONLY; Faculty Mentor Required

*For Internship MA Track Students ONLY

Elective Coursework

6 courses / 18 credits

- Students must complete at least three Animal Behavior Electives, one of which must be an applied course.
- Students must complete three additional electives which can be Animal Behavior Electives or approved Anthropology or Geo Tech Electives.

Course Number	Course Title
PSYCH XXXXX	Animal Behavior Elective
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PSYCH XXXXX	Applied Animal Behavior Elective (<i>fulfills applied course requirement</i>)
PSYCH or ANTH or GTECH	Animal Behavior Elective or Approved Anthropology or Geo Tech Elective
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Animal Behavior Electives

- PSYCH 71800 - Ethology (Animal Behavior II – Behavioral Ecology)
- PSYCH 75048 - Behavioral Ecology: Applications to Wildlife Conservation in our Changing World (*Fulfills applied course requirement*)
- PSYCH 75096 - Cultural Conflicts in Conservation: Can Human & Wild Animals Get Along?
- PSYCH 75400 - Applied Animal Welfare & Behavior (*Fulfills applied course requirement*)
- PSYCH 75700 - Animal Thinking and Communication
- PSYCH 75800 - Conservation Biology Psychology (*Fulfills applied course requirement*)
- PSYCH 70702 - Thesis Research II
- PSYCH 69000 - Independent Research in Psychology; 3 Credits
- PSYCH 69200 - Independent Research in Psychology; 2 Credits
- PSYCH 69100 - Independent Research in Psychology; 1 Credits

Anthropology Electives (Optional)

- ANTH 79153 - Primate Conservation
- ANTH 79164 - Primates Evolut Genet & Behav
- ANTH 79102 - Field Methods in Primatology
- ANTH 79168 - Wildlife Conservation, Ecology and Health (field course in Uganda; Winter only – not offered January 2025)

Geographical Technology Electives (Optional)

- GTECH 70900 - Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
- GTECH 71000 - Concepts & Theories in Geoinformatics
- GTECH 73200 - Advanced Geoinformatics

2-YEAR SCHEDULE OUTLINE

MA Thesis Track	
FIRST YEAR	
Fall	Spring
PSYCH 70500 - Statistical Methods in Psychology I PSYCH 71700 - Animal Behavior & Conservation in Captivity and the Wild Elective 1	PSYCH 73900 – Research Methods in Animal Behavior PSYCH 69000 – Independent Research in Psychology Elective 2
SECOND YEAR	
Fall	Spring
PSYCH 70701 – Thesis Research PSYCH 71600 – Animal Behavior I: Mechanisms of Behavior Elective 3	Elective 4 Elective 5 Elective 6

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MA Internship Track	
FIRST YEAR	
Fall	Spring
PSYCH 70500 - Statistical Methods in Psychology I PSYCH 71700 - Animal Behavior & Conservation in Captivity and the Wild Elective 1	PSYCH 73900 – Research Methods in Animal Behavior Elective 2 Elective 3
SECOND YEAR	
Fall	Spring
PSYCH 71200 – Animal Behavior & Conservation Internship PSYCH 71600 – Animal Behavior I: Mechanisms of Behavior Elective 4	PSYCH 69000 – Independent Research in Psychology Elective 5 Elective 6

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