



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO

Applied Behavior Analysis

EDBA 5309 Behaviorism

A. MAJOR COURSE DESCRIPTION/REQUIREMENT

This course discusses the philosophy that provides the basis for ABA and the experimental analysis of behavior; this philosophy is known as radical behaviorism.

B. LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon Completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Define radical behaviorism
2. Identify the assumptions of ABA
3. Distinguish between ABA, experimental analysis of behavior, and radical behaviorism.

C. LECTURE OR DISCUSSION TOPICS

Science, Human Behavior, and Ordinary Language
Aims and Methods of Science
Concepts of Causation
Interpretative Techniques
Explanatory Theories
Behaviorism
Radical Behaviorism
Essentialism and Selectionism
Human Affairs

D. REQUIRED OR RECOMMENDED READINGS

Students will study course content provided through selected texts and Blackboard postings. These resources include:

Skinner, B. F. (1953). Science and human behavior. NY: The Macmillan Company.
Skinner, B. F. (1974). About Behaviorism. New York, NY: Random House.