

Psychological Testing (Fall 2020): PSCH 340 - 12228
3 Credit Hours / Prerequisite: C or better in PSCH 242

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BOOK, BLACKBOARD and BASIC RULES

Text (suggested): Kaplan, R. & Saccuzzo, D. (2013). *Psychological Testing: Principles, Applications & Issues* (8th ed.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth/Cengage Learning. ISBN:978-1133492016: **No other materials are required.**

Blackboard: Course syllabus posted under **Syllabus**, homework assignments and data posted under **Homework**, PowerPoint slides posted under **Slides**, lecture recordings posted under **Recordings**, any additional course material posted under **Material**.

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Academic Dishonesty: Students will be held to the University's standards on academic dishonesty: <http://dos.uic.edu/docs/Student%20Disciplinary%20Policy.pdf>

Course Description: Introduction to principles, applications and controversies of psychological assessment and standardized testing.

EVALUATION:

***All work for this course will be submitted online using blackboard*

Quizzes (1 & 2): **20 pts (10 pts each)**

- *Students have 24 hours to complete each quiz*
- *Quiz grades penalized 2 points for every day late*
- *Quizzes are short-answer format*

Homework (1-3): **30 pts (10 pts each)**

- *Students have 1 week to complete each homework*
- *Homework grades penalized 2 points for every day late*

Exams (1 & 2): **150 pts (75 pts each)**

- *Students have 48 hours to complete each exam*
- *Exam grades penalized 5 points for every day late*
- *Exams are essay and short-answer format*

EXTRA CREDIT & GRADE DISPUTES

**Extra credit may occur on quizzes and exams. No other extra points are available in this course.*

**All grade disputes must be resolved within 1 week of receiving the disputed grade.*

200 Total Course Points

A = 180 pts = 90%

B = 160 pts = 80%

C = 140 pts = 70%

D = 120 pts = 60%

Course Outline: 8/25/2020-12/04/2020 * Outline subject to change with advanced notice

-- week 1--

August 25: Course Overview

August 27: Background and History

Reading: *Chapter 1*

-- week 2--

September 1: Statistics for Testing

Reading: *Chapter 2*

September 3: Statistics for Testing continued

Reading: *Chapter 2*

-- week 3--

September 8: SPSS Training 1

Homework 1 Available (Due September 15)

September 10: Correlation

Reading: *Chapter 3*

-- week 4--

September 15: Correlation and Other Topics

Reading: *Chapter 3*

Homework 1 Due (10 pts)

September 17: QUIZ 1 (10 pts), SPSS Training 2

-- week 5--

September 22: Reliability

Reading: *Chapter 4*

Homework 2 Available (Due September 29)

September 24: Reliability

Reading: *Chapter 4*

-- week 6--

September 29: Validity

Reading: *Chapter 5*

Homework 2 Due (10 pts)

October 1: QUIZ 2 (10 pts), SPSS Training 3

-- week 7--

October 6: EXAM 1 Available

October 8: EXAM 1 Due (75 pts)

-- week 8--

October 13: Test Administration

Reading: *Chapter 7*

October 15: Writing and Evaluating Test Items

Reading: *Chapter 6*

Homework 3 Available (Due October 22)

-- week 9--

October 20: Test Bias

Reading: *Chapter 19*

October 22: Test Bias continued

Reading: *Chapter 19*

Homework 3 Due (10 pts)

-- week 10--

October 27: Theories of Intelligence

Reading: *Chapter 10*

October 29: Theories of Intelligence: TED Talks

-- week 11--

November 3: VOTE!!!!!!

November 5: Film

-- week 12--

November 10: Wechsler Scales

Reading: *Chapter 10*

November 12: Other Psychological Tests

Reading: *Chapter 11*

-- week 13--

November 17: Other Psychological Tests continued

Reading: *Chapter 16*

November 19: Healthcare

Reading: *Chapter 15*

-- week 14--

November 24: Flex Day

November 26: Thanksgiving

-- week 15--

December 1: EXAM 2 Available

December 3: EXAM 2 Due (75 pts)