



UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code PSY-480	Course Title Psychological Testing	ECTS Credits 6
Department Social Sciences	Semester Fall	Prerequisites Junior standing
Type of Course Cluster Course / Elective	Field Psychology	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 1 st	Lecturer(s) Dr Marios Constantinou
Mode of Delivery face-to-face	Work placement N/A	Co-requisites None

OBJECTIVES OF THE CLASS

- This course presents in depth theories pertaining to psychological testing
- It analyzes psychometric principles and assessment principles pertaining to the development of instruments.
- It aims to develop critical analytical skills and a general understanding of published research and assessment instruments
- The course will also present to the students a chance to understand how assessment instruments are developed and used and the questions that need to be answered before an instrument is deemed to be ready for use outside the psychological labs
- This course will teach students how to select tests, evaluate their strengths and weaknesses
- This course will teach the student how to be sensitive to ethical and multicultural issues surrounding psychological assessment.

EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES AT THE COMPLETION OF THE COURSE

- The student is expected to be able to critically evaluate psychological instruments depending on their psychometric merits
- The student is expected to be able to research bibliography and critically evaluate concurrent research on psychological instruments

- The student is expected to be able to have a working knowledge of psychometric theory and psychometric qualities of tests
- The student is expected to be able to appreciate ethical and multicultural issues that surround psychological testing
- The student should be able to appreciate the wide range of diverse psychological theories pertaining to psychological testing and assessment

CLASS CONTENT

Principles of Psychological Testing
 Introduction to tests
 Norms and Basic Statistics for Testing
 Correlation and Regression
 Reliability & 5. Validity
Application in Psychological Testing
 Interviewing Techniques
 Theories of Intelligence and the Binet Scales & 10. The Wechsler Intelligence Scales
 Other Individual Tests of Ability in Education and Special Education
 Applications in Clinical and Counseling Settings
Professional Issues in Testing
 Test Bias
 Testing in Forensic Settings
 Ethics and Future Psychological Testing

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND TEACHING METHODS

LECTURES, DEMONSTRATIONS OF ASSESSMENT, BIBLIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH, PROECTS AND ASSIGNMENTS, CLINICAL INTERVIEW PRACTICE

ASSESSMENT METHODS

MID-TERM EXAM
 CRITICAL DISCUSSION OF PUBLISHED RESEARCH
 MID-TERM PAPER
 FINAL EXAM

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Kaplan & Saccuzzo	Psychological Testing (7 th Ed.)	Thomson	2008	0495095559