

ISN402 Psychological Assessment

Unit Description

Psychological Assessment involves learning the major steps in psychological assessment including: context, interview, behavioural observation, formal testing, interpretation, and creating a psychological report. Students will be introduced to the various types of assessment tools and become familiar with the general content domains of each type, and work through the parameters associated with test development and evaluation.

Required Textbooks and Readings

Kaplan, D.P. & Saccuzzo R.N. (2017). Psychological Testing: Principles, Applications and Issues (9th ed). Boston, MA: Cengage Learning.

Administrative Details

Associated higher education awards	Duration	Core or Elective	Level	Unit Coordinator	Other Teaching Staff
Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)	One semester	Core	Fourth year, Semester 1	Dr Chris Tailby	TBA

Unit weighting as a percentage of the year

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
12.5	100

Student workload

No. timetabled hours per week	No. personal study hours per week	Total workload hours per week
4 (1x2 hour lecture; 1x1 hour face-face tutorial and 1x1 hour online activities)	6	10

Learning Outcomes and Assessments

Learning outcomes for Unit
I. Describe and systematically analyse the major steps in psychological assessment including: context, interview, behavioural observation, formal testing and basic interpretation.
II. Understand the various types of assessment tools and become familiar with the general content domains of each type.
III. Work through the parameters associated with test development and evaluation.
IV. Develop a general test of human performance, collect data and complete psychometric analysis on the material [reliability, validity and, where applicable, factor development].

Overview of Assessment Tasks

Assessment tasks		
Type	When assessed – year, session and week	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)
Class participation [10%] Evaluates how students have engaged during tutorials and the group project throughout the course	Weekly	10%
Class project (psychology measure development) [40%] Students will create their own psychological test/measurement instrument. The instrument will assess a construct of their choice.	11:59pm 11th May (upload via Turnitin)	40%
Examination [50%] Mix of multiple choice and short answer questions covering all of the course content.	To be confirmed (exam period)	50%

Delivery mode

Face to face on site with E-learning (online) components; Full-time or Part-time study

Pre-requisites and co-requisites

None

Other Resource and Requirements

None.

**Unit outlines may be subject to change. The most up-to-date outlines will be provided to students once the semester commences*