**PSYC320-2D2: Psychological Tests and Measurements Lab – Fall 2020**

 Distance Learning

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**Textbook** (same as lecture)

Cohen, R.J., & Swerdlik, M.E. (2017). *Psychological Testing and Assessment: An Introduction to Tests and Measurement* (9th ed.). New York, NY: McGraw-Hill Education.

**Course Description**

This lab is designed to apply the principles learned in the lecture portion of the course. The various assignments will help you apply what was learned in lecture. You will work on projects assigned in lecture and gain research skills through lab. As a technical writing course, this lab will assist you in the development of strong writing skills for the field of psychology.

**Course Delivery Method**

This course will be delivered online using an asynchronous format via the Blackboard learning management system (LMS) housed in the MyMason portal. You will log in to the Blackboard course site using your Mason email name (everything before @masonlive.gmu.edu) and email password. The course site will be available on August 24th at 12:01am. The course slides for the lab section are meant to serve as review for the lecture you will not need them for any tests or quizzes. Additionally, there will be several slides to help build upon your APA writing skills; some of these will be helpful for your lab mini assignments.

**Under no circumstances may candidates/students participate in online class sessions (either by phone or Internet) while operating motor vehicles. Further, as expected in a face-to-face class meeting, such online participation requires undivided attention to course content and communication.**

**Semester Goals**

Write two 5-6 page APA-style papers reviewing a measure of your choice (see Lecture syllabus for info).

**Grading**

The lab is worth **20%** of your overall course grade for PSYC 320 (200 total points). Your lab grade is based on lab mini-assignments and milestone submissions. Below is a breakdown of the grading:

***Lab Mini-Assignments*:** Thelab mini-assignments are designed to help you develop the skills needed for technical writing in psychology and research fields. They are worth **80 points** of your total lab grade (10 points each). These will be due on Blackboard by **Sunday at 11:59pm** the week they are assigned.

***Milestone Submissions*:** Milestone submissions are worth **120 points** total, 20 points each. The milestone submissions include: Measure/citations, Paper 1 Outline, Paper Draft 1, Peer Review 1, Paper Draft 2, and Peer Review 2. Milestone submissions are designed to help students prepare for Paper 1 and Paper 2 deadlines. **Because of the collaborative nature of the lab I will NOT accept late work.**

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| **Grade Breakdown:** |  |
| Lab Mini-Assignments | 80 pts. |
| Milestone Submissions | 120 pts. |
| Total | 200 pts. |

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| **Grade Percentage Breakdown** |
| A+: 97-100 | B+: 87-89 | C+: 77-79 | D: 65-69 |
| A: 93-96 | B: 83-86 | C: 73-76 | F: 64 and under |
| A-: 90-92 | B-: 80-82 | C-: 70-72 |   |

**Schedule**

Below is a **tentative** lab schedule for the semester corresponding with weekly lecture topics. The instructor reserves the right to change the syllabus and its content.

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| **Week** | **Date** | **Weekly Activities** | **Due** |
| 1 | Aug 24-30 | * Introduction to the lab!
* Choosing a measure
* Lit search how-to
* Introduction to Paper 1
 | ***Lab Mini-Assignment #1 due by 11:59pm on 8/30:*** Introduction SurveySign up for meeting time with Mary the week of 9/7***Lab Mini-Assignment #2 due by 11:59pm on 8/30:*** Lit search activity  |
| 2 | Aug 31-Sep 6 | * APA Formatting Review: Citations
* APA Formatting Review: Cover Page, Headings and Subheadings
 | ***Lab Mini-Assignment #3 due by 11:59pm on 9/6:*** APA Formatting ReviewSign up for meeting with Mary if you haven’t already!  |
| 3 | Sep 7-13 | * No slides to review. Instead you have a 15-minute paper meeting with Mary
 | ***Lab Mini-Assignment #4 due by 11:59pm on 9/13:*** Paper meeting with MaryMilestone #1 due by end of next week (9/13): Measure Submission & 3-5 Citations  |
| 4 | Sep 14-20 | * Assumptions of Psychological Testing, Introduction to Reliability, Validity, and Norms
* Writing an effective outline
 | Milestone #2 due by end of week (9/20): Paper 1 Outline |
| 5 | Sept 21-27 | * Reliability Review
* APA Formatting Review: in-text references
 | Milestone #3 due by end of week (9/27): Paper 1 Draft Due |
| 6 | Sep 28-Oct 4 | * Validity Review
* How to write a peer review
* Importance of constructive criticism
 | Milestone #4 due (10/4):Peer Reviews Due  |
| 7 | Oct 5-11 | * No slides! Submit paper 1 and email Mary with any questions
 | ***Submit Paper 1 by 11:59PM on 10/11*** |
| 8 | Oct 12-18 | * Test Development Review
* Creating your own measure
* Tips and tricks to conquer writer’s block
 | ***Lab Mini-Assignment #5 due by 11:59pm on 10/18:*** Writer’s block activity |
| 9 | Oct 19-25 | * Assessment of Intelligence Review
 |  ***Lab Mini-Assignment #6 due by 11:59pm on 10/25:*** Assessments discussion Forum Schedule one-on-one meeting with Mary for week of 11/2 |
| 10 | Oct 26-Nov 1 | * Assessments of Achievement Review
 |  ***Lab Mini-Assignment #7 due by 11:59pm on 11/1:*** Submit outline and sign up for one-on-one meeting with Mary if you haven’t already! |
| 11 | Nov 2-8 | * No slides to review. Instead you have a 15-minute paper meeting with Mary
 | ***Lab Mini-Assignment #8 due by 11:59pm on 11/8:*** Paper meeting with Mary  |
| 12 | Nov 9-15 | * Personality Assessments Review
 | Milestone #5 due (11/15):Paper 2 draft due |
| 13 | Nov 16-22 | * Clinical and Counseling Assessment Review
* Clinical interviewing module
 | Milestone #6 due (11/22):Peer Reviews |
| 14 | Nov 23-29 | * Neuropsychological Assessment Review and Sample Assessments
 | No assignments for Thanksgiving!  |
| 15 | Nov 30-Dec 6 | * No slides, please submit course evaluations
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| 16 | Dec 7-13 | * No slides! Submit paper 2. Remember you can email Mary with any questions!
 | ***Submit Paper 2 by 11:59PM on 12/13*** |