

Grand Valley State University
PSY 623: Intellectual Assessment
(Assessment II)
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Course Summary

Building directly upon Psychology 622, Psychology 623 will allow you to continue to develop competency in the area of assessment, an important component of school psychological practice. In this course, you will learn to select, administer, and interpret assessments. In addition, you will begin to integrate the assessment results from a variety of measures to develop instructional recommendations for students. You will become proficient in administering and interpreting a range of assessments with school-age children, as well communicating the results of these assessments orally and in written reports. This course will also include important discussions of assessment ethics and assessment with diverse populations, as well as introduce you to the Michigan special education criteria.

Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

1. Administer, score, and analyze a variety of assessment tools following standardized procedures.
2. Demonstrate knowledge and skill in summarizing, interpreting, and reporting data, including communicating results to teachers and family members both orally and in written reports.
3. Develop instructional recommendations for students based on the synthesis of an intellectual assessment and other assessment tools.
4. Explain issues related to cultural bias in intelligence testing and develop cross-culturally sensitive assessment practices.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of and adherence to professional and ethical standards in relation to the selection, administration, and interpretation of assessment tools.
6. Apply basic measurement principles to the selection, administration, and interpretation of individual measures of intellectual and academic functioning.

Corresponding Program Goals:

This course will specifically address the following program goals:

1. Students will engage and practice in a legal, professional and ethical manner that demonstrates respect for student, family, and school diversity.
2. Students will demonstrate the knowledge and skills needed to collaborate and consult with school professionals, families, and other partners to improve current systems of service delivery to meet the educational and mental health needs of children and adolescents.
3. Students will demonstrate the knowledge and skills to conduct standardized assessments and use a variety of techniques to evaluate the cognitive, academic, and behavioral strengths and needs of students and the environmental contexts in which these competencies develop.

Readings & Materials

- Kranzler, J. H., & Floyd, R. G. (2013). *Assessing Intelligence in Children and Adolescents: A Practical Guide*. New York: Guilford Press. [Note: Fully available online through library]
- Selected chapters from: *Best Practices in School Psychology VI*. Bethesda, MD: National Association of School Psychologists. [Note: You should have already purchased this for other classes]
- Additional chapters and articles will be made available on Blackboard.
- Clipboard (any kind you like as long as it is not transparent)
- Stopwatch (preferably a timer that can count up and count down, with no/soft beep, that has large “digits”).

Course Format

The format of the class will include lecture, discussion, “lab” time, and individual meetings with me or the second-year teaching assistant. Lecture will be used to introduce new topics, to present background information, and to highlight important points in the readings. Discussion will be used to discuss how this relates to practicum experiences and explore current issues in the field. “Lab” time will provide opportunities to practice assessment skills with peers and receive feedback. The teaching assistant and I will have individual meetings with you outside of the regular class time as a way to provide personalized feedback and check-in throughout the semester. Masks are required for all face-to-face class sessions and meetings (<https://www.gvsu.edu/lakerstogether/face-covering-policy-27.htm>). Class lectures may be recorded. These video/audio recordings are for educational purposes and may be made available to other students presenting enrolled in the course.

Technology Requirements & Assistance

You will need a laptop or tablet with internet access to use during face-to-face class sessions. However, the use of technology for personal reasons (e.g., checking e-mail or using social media) during class is inappropriate and disrespectful to other students and myself. Please silence and put away all cell-phones during class unless directed to use it for an activity. I will use my discretion in reducing grades for those students who are using computers or other technology in a disrespectful manner when class is in session.

In addition, you will need access to the following in order to complete remaining course requirements:

- High-speed internet access
- Computer with ability to watch videos & operating system that meets current Blackboard requirements; Google chrome is the recommended browser
- Microsoft Word & program to read pdf files
- Video camera & microphone (built into computer or external)

While tablets, smartphones and other mobile devices may allow for the completion of some coursework, they are not guaranteed to work in all areas. Please ensure you have a Windows or Mac based computer available to complete coursework. This computer must have programs to read PDF and Microsoft Word documents. Please submit any assignments as Microsoft Word files as I will not accept incompatible programs. As a GVSU student, you have access to Microsoft Office 365 for free (<https://www.gvsu.edu/it/downloading-office-365-from-microsoft-223.htm>).

To access Blackboard, go to <https://mybb.gvsu.edu/> and enter your log in and password. Check the current [technical requirements](#) to use Blackboard and preferred browser information. Use of Blackboard is integral to this course. If you experience technical problems with Blackboard, contact the help desk by email or phone - helpdesk@gvsu.edu or 616-331-3513. The help website is <https://www.gvsu.edu/it/>.

Policies and Procedures

This course is subject to the GVSU policies listed at <http://www.gvsu.edu/coursepolicies/>.

In addition, you are expected to abide by the GVSU student code (<http://www.gvsu.edu/studentcode/>) and the ethical principles of the National Association of School Psychologists (<http://www.nasponline.org/standards/ethics/ethical-conduct-professional-practices.aspx>). These principles serve as a guide to students' behavior both on and off-campus. This includes (1) arriving on time, (2) leaving at the scheduled time and not before, (3) appropriately engaging during courses and practicum activities, and (4) respecting confidentiality. When in the schools, you represent the School Psychology program as well as the University and we expect your behavior to be professional, respectful, and responsible. Violations of the ethical and professional standards may result in a lowered grade and may be grounds for dismissal from the program.

COVID-19 Considerations

General information/updates: <https://www.gvsu.edu/lakerstogether/current-students-29.htm>

Self-Assessment: You are required to complete a self-assessment every day of the semester (<https://www.gvsu.edu/hro/selfassessment-login.htm>). If the self-assessment indicates you should

not come to campus on a class day, do NOT come to a face-to-face class session. E-mail me and we will work together to ensure you can still meet class requirements.

Financial Hardship: GVSU remains committed to supporting you because of the impacts of the pandemic and is here to help you in times of financial need, including technology requirements. Financial hardship funds are available to help you meet basic needs and cover educational costs (such as housing, food, and textbooks) that you otherwise pay out of pocket. Please visit [Special Circumstance & Financial Hardship Requests](#) for more information.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

If you are in need of accommodations due to a learning, physical, or other disability, please provide me with your memo from Disability Support Resources (DSR) indicating the existence of a disability and the suggested reasonable accommodations. If you have not already done so, please contact the Disability Support Resources office (4015 JHZ) by calling 331-2490 or email to dsgvsu@gvsu.edu. In addition, it can sometimes be helpful to discuss together the support you will need to be successful; these discussions will remain confidential. Furthermore, if you have a physical disability and think you will need assistance evacuating the classroom and/or building in an emergency situation, please contact me so I can develop a plan to assist you.

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

The materials presented in this class are copyright protected and may not be used without the express prior consent of the instructor. Intentional misuse of the intellectual property of another may subject the user to penalties up to and including dismissal. It is your responsibility as a student to maintain academic integrity and not give any appearance of a violation. You will do original work and will not take or receive the efforts of another person on any test or assignment, use unauthorized resources on quizzes or tests, plagiarize, or give/sell other students papers or assignments not authorized by me. You are responsible for making yourself aware of and for understanding the policies and procedures that pertain to academic integrity. To that end, be sure to familiarize yourself with the GVSU Student Code [Section 223.01] related to academic integrity. Furthermore, be sure to reference sources in all assignments. If you are uncertain about such an issue prior to submission of an assignment, project, or test, please see me as soon as possible so we can eliminate any uncertainty. There is no harm in asking if you are not sure if you are plagiarizing. There is harm in plagiarizing and then telling me afterwards that you did not know you did anything wrong.

Canceled Classes

If classes are canceled at the university, any lecture or activity missed due to cancellation will take place at the next class meeting.

Attendance

You are expected to attend and participate in all classes. It is expected that you will be on time for the start of class and stay for the duration of class (i.e., not leave early). Please contact me in advance if you anticipate missing a class or have a legitimate reason for coming late or leaving early. As this class only meets once per week, missing a class will involve missing a *significant* amount of course content. If you cannot attend a class session for university-defined “excused absence” (e.g., university sports, religious holidays, conference), please contact me *as soon as possible*. Refer to this [page](#) for the complete list of excused absences. COVID-19 related absences are also excused. If you have symptoms, are quarantining due to exposure to the virus, or have tested positive, please e-mail me so we can make arrangements.

Testing Children/Students: Consent & Confidentiality

When you collect individual data on students for the purposes of this course, parents must sign a written consent form prior to your work with the student. Permission must be obtained before you begin working with the student. Consent forms must be turned in for any associated assignments (case study & any standardized assessments) in order for them to be graded. To protect the identity of any children and their settings, please keep any reports and discussions about cases confidential. In written and oral reports, **always use pseudonyms** (fictitious names, not initials) for the student, parent, teacher, school, and appropriately disguise any other demographic information so that they cannot be identified.

Assignments & Late Work

The work to be done for this class includes completing the assigned readings, participating in class discussion, presentations, writing papers/reflections, and completing standardized assessments. All written assignments should be turned in via Blackboard by the start of class on the due date unless otherwise noted. Professional writing is an important part of your training as a psychologist and your writing will be evaluated in all assignments. Professional writing is clear, well-organized, uses sentence and paragraph structure to convey content, avoids passive voice, and is free from typographical error, misspellings, and grammatical errors. Further, professional writing balances critical reflection with strengths of the material or information. All work for the course MUST be completed in 12-point Times New Roman font with 1-inch page margins (note that often times the default is 1.25-inch margins and must be changed) unless otherwise noted.

Papers that utilize sources should use APA style when citing within text as well as in preparing the reference list. Refer to the publication manual for specific guidelines: American Psychological Association. (2009). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.) Washington, D.C.: Author.

Late work is strongly discouraged. Due to the intensive nature of this semester, I recommend that you avoid late work as much as possible. Assignments turned in after the deadline will be penalized by 25% of the original point value. After three days, assignments will not be graded and be assigned a “0.” However, if you provide me with at least one week’s notice and have a valid reason, I can provide extensions for most assignments to allow for late submissions without penalties.

Grading

Grades will be based on your knowledge and understanding of the issues as evidenced by the standardized assessments, quizzes, written work, and contributions to class discussions. Review the “Assignment Descriptions” document for more information about these assignments. Final grades will be based on the total points as indicated below:

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Point Value</u>
Class Participation	10
WISC Check-out	5
Quizzes	30
Standardized Test(s) Presentation	20
Protocols/Rubrics/Videos	105
Assessment Result Reports	45
<u>Assessment Result Presentations</u>	<u>30</u>
Total Points:	245

<u>Grading Scale</u>	
94 above	A
90-93	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
67-69	D+
60-66	D
59 & below	F

Course Schedule

Schedule is subject to change. An updated course schedule will be provided if the course must move to virtual delivery.

(Week) Date	To Do BEFORE Class	Plan for DURING Class	To Do AFTER Class (in addition to preparing for the following week)
(1) 1/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch video overviews of syllabus and assignments • Review WISC manuals & video demos as needed 	Bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WISC kits & manuals • Clipboard, timer, pencils • WISC Questions Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WISC Administration & Scoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice WISC • Schedule WISC Peer Protocol with second year student (1/22 - 2/10) • Schedule WISC Check-out with Kristen (1/29 - 2/12)
(2) 1/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review WISC manuals & video demos as needed 	Bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WISC kits & manuals • Clipboard, timer, pencils • WISC Questions Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WISC Administration & Scoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice WISC • Prepare for Quiz 1 • Prepare for WISC Check-out • Be working on WISC Peer Protocol
(3) 2/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read WISC Technical & Interpretive manual pp. 149-165 • Read Kranzler & Floyd (2013)- Ch 6 • Watch podcast: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HREILRMLMA 	Bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laptop Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz 1 • WISC Interpretation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finish WISC Peer Protocol • Start reading KTEA manual & watching video demos
(4) 2/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn in WISC Peer Protocol • Read Kranzler & Floyd (2013)- Ch 8 • Read Hass & Carriere (2014)- Ch 3 (Blackboard) 	Bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WISC Peer Protocol & Rubric • Laptop Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating Assessment Information • Visual-Motor Integration Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule WISC Feedback Meeting with Kristen or Adrienne (2/15 - 2/19) • Keep reading KTEA manual & watching video demos • Be working on WISC 1

(5) 2/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have WISC Feedback meeting this week • Read KTEA Administration manual pp. 1-43 • Watch KTEA video demos 	<p>Bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KTEA kits • Clipboard, timer, pencils • KTEA questions <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KTEA Administration & Scoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice KTEA • Schedule KTEA 1 with peer • Be working on WISC 1
(6) 2/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Kranzler & Floyd (2013)- Ch 10 • Read “Presume Competence” (Blackboard) • Read Crepeau-Hobson & Vujeva (2012) (Blackboard) 	<p>Bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laptop <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive Impairment & other severe disabilities • Adaptive behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be working on WISC 1
(7) 3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn in WISC 1 • Best Practices (Data-based)- Ch 24 • Additional readings may be added at request of guest speaker 	<p>Bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WISC 1 Protocol/Rubric/Video/Consent • Laptop <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotional Impairment (Guest Speaker) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finish KTEA 1 • Work on WISC report and presentation • Schedule WISC 1 presentation (3/12 - 3/19)
(8) 3/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn in KTEA 1 • Watch video lecture • Read McGill & Busse (2016) • Read Fletcher & Miciak (2017) • Read Fletcher & Miciak (2019)- Just focus on pp. 12-23 • Check out RTI-Based for SLD Toolkit http://www.rtinetwork.org/toolkit 	<p>Bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KTEA 1 Protocol & Rubric • Notes from readings • Laptop <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific Learning Disability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finish WISC 1 report • Prepare for WISC 1 presentation • Be working on ABAS
(9) 3/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn in WISC 1 Report (Blackboard) • Have WISC 1 Presentation • Prepare test presentation (if applicable) • Read Hass & Carriere (2014)- Ch 4 (Blackboard) 	<p>Bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laptop <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Presentations • Case Conceptualization/Report Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take Quiz 2 (3/19 – 3/25) on Blackboard • Finish ABAS • Be working on WISC 2 • Be working on KTEA 2

(10) 3/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare test presentation (if applicable) • Turn in Quiz 2 • Turn in ABAS 	Bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABAS protocol/rubric • Laptop Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Presentations • Case Conceptualization/Report Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be working on WISC 2 • Be working on KTEA 2
(11) 4/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Kranzler & Floyd (2013)- Ch 3 • Read Best Practices (Foundations)- Ch 32 • Watch video lecture on Ethics • Watch video lecture on WAIS & WPPSI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO CLASS (MENTAL HEALTH BREAK) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be working on WISC 2 • Be working on KTEA 2 • Be working on Other Intellectual Test protocol & report
(12) 4/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn in WISC 2 • Read Best Practices (Foundations)- Ch 5 • Read Kranzler & Floyd (2013)- Ch 13 • Read Flanagan & Harrison (2012)- Ch 22 (Blackboard) 	Bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WISC 2 Protocol/Rubric/Video/Consent • Laptop Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culturally/Linguistically Diverse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be working on KTEA 2 • Be working on Other Intellectual Test protocol & report
(13) 4/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn in KTEA 2 	Bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KTEA 2 Protocol/Rubric/Video • Laptop Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Conceptualization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be working on Other Intellectual Test protocol & report • Work on Integrated Report & presentation
(14) 4/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn in Other Intellectual Test Protocol • Turn in Other Intellectual Test Report (Blackboard) • Watch posted video lectures • Readings: To be determined 	Bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Intellectual Test Protocol/Rubric/Consent • Laptop Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief special topics • Wrap-up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take Quiz 3 (4/16 – 4/27) on Blackboard • Finish Integrated Report • Prepare for Integrated Report Presentation
(Exams)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn in Quiz 3 on Blackboard (4/16 – 4/27) • Turn in Integrated Report by Thursday 4/29 at 8:30am • Integrated Report Presentations to be scheduled in small groups 		

