

# **COUN 517: Assessment in Counseling**

Course Syllabus: *Online* 

## INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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#### **COURSE INFORMATION**

Materials - Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

#### **Required Textbook**

Watson, J. C. & Flamez, B. (2015). *Counseling assessment and evaluation: Fundamentals of applied practice*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

## **Supplemental Materials**

As copyright laws permit, supplemental materials may be made available via D2L Brightspace.

\*\*\*Note: This course uses D2L Brightspace as its Learning Management System

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

## **Catalogue Description of the Course**

517. Assessment in Counseling. Three semester hours.

Includes group and individual appraisal techniques to be used to support career, educational, and personal planning and development. Standardized and non-standardized data information gathering methods, validity, reliability, psychometric statistics, factors influencing appraisals, and use and interpretation of appraisal results with a variety of populations are explored.

#### **General Course Information**

As a core requirement in all master's-level programs in the department, this course provides students who work in a variety of settings with information regarding the proper selection and use of standardized and non-standardized assessment instruments and the integration of the assessment and counseling process. In addition, related professional issues such as the history of assessment, legal and ethical concerns related to assessment, and trends in the field will be included.



# **Student Learning Outcomes**

# 2016 CACREP Standards Addressed in COUN 517

Core Standard	Learning Activity	Assignment	Assessment	Benchmark
<b>2.F.7.a.</b> historical perspectives	D2L Unit 4;	Test 2;	Asynchronous	$\geq$ 80% of
concerning the nature and meaning	Discussion 2, 4; W&F	Discussion 2	discussion	average rubric
of assessment and testing in	Text – C1		rubric	scores will
counseling				either meet (2)
				or exceed (3)
				expectation; $\geq$
				80% of
				students will
				score ≥ 80%
				on tests.
<b>2.F.7.b.</b> methods of effectively	D2L Unit 11, 12;	Test 5		≥ 80% of
preparing for and conducting initial	W&F Text – C6			students will
assessment meetings				$score \ge 80\%$
2.7.7	DOL II ': O A GA		ADID 1:	on tests.
<b>2.F.7.c.</b> procedures for assessing	D2L Unit 2; ACA	Assessment	ARIP rubric	$\geq$ 80% of
risk of aggression or danger to	Fact Sheet #6; APA	Results		average rubric
others, self-inflicted harm, or	Practice guideline;	Interpretation		scores will
suicide	Scocco et al.	Project		either meet (2)
				or exceed (3)
2 E 7 d for identifying	D2L Unit 2	A	ARIP rubric	expectation
<b>2.F.7.d.</b> procedures for identifying	D2L Unit 2	Assessment Results	ARIP rubric	$\geq 80\%$ of
trauma and abuse and for reporting				average rubric
abuse		Interpretation		scores will
		Project		either meet (2) or exceed (3)
				expectation
<b>2.F.7.e.</b> use of assessments for	D2L Unit 1	Test 1		≥ 80% of
diagnostic and intervention	DZE CIIIC I	1030 1		students will
planning purposes				score $\geq 80\%$
planning purposes				on tests.
<b>2.F.7.f.</b> basic concepts of	D2L Unit 2;	Test 1;	Asynchronous	≥ 80% of
standardized and non-standardized	Discussion 3; W&F	Discussion 3	discussion	average rubric
testing, norm-referenced and	Text – C2	B is cassion s	rubric	scores will
criterion-referenced assessments,	Text – C2		Tublic	either meet (2)
and group and individual				or exceed (3)
-				expectation; ≥
assessments				80% of
				students will
				score ≥ 80%
				on tests.
<b>2.F.7.g.</b> statistical concepts,	D2L Unit 5, 6;	Test 2;	Asynchronous	≥ 80% of
including scales of measurement,	Discussion 5; W&F	asynchronous	discussion	average rubric
measures of central tendency,	Text – C2, C5	discussion	rubric	scores will
indices of variability, shapes and		rubric		either meet (2)
types of distributions, and				or exceed (3)
correlations				expectation; ≥
				80% of



2.F.7.h. reliability and validity in	D2L Unit 8, 9;	Test 3;	Asynchronous	students will score $\geq 80\%$ on tests. $\geq 80\%$ of
the use of assessments	Discussion 6; W&F Text – C3	asynchronous discussion rubric	discussion rubric	average rubric scores will either meet (2) or exceed (3) expectation; ≥ 80% of students will score ≥ 80% on tests.
2.F.7.i. use of assessments relevant to academic/educational, career, personal, and social development	D2L Unit 3; Discussion 6, 7; W&F Text – C4	Test 4; Instrument Review; asynchronous discussion rubric	Instrument Review rubric; Asynchronous discussion rubric	≥ 80% of average rubric scores will either meet (2) or exceed (3) expectation; ≥ 80% of students will score ≥ 80% on tests.
<b>2.F.7.j.</b> use of environmental assessments and systematic behavioral observations	D2L Unit 3; W&F Text – C11	Test 5		$\geq$ 80% of students will score $\geq$ 80% on tests.
<b>2.F.7.k.</b> use of symptom checklists, and personality and psychological testing	D2L Unit 3; W&F Text – C9, C10, C13	Test 2, 5; Assessment Results Interpretation Project	ARIP rubric	≥ 80% of average rubric scores will either meet (2) or exceed (3) expectation; ≥ 80% of students will score ≥ 80% on tests.
<b>2.F.7.l.</b> use of assessment results to diagnose developmental, behavioral, and mental disorders	D2L Unit 3; Discussion 7; W&F Text – C13	Test 5		$\geq$ 80% of students will score $\geq$ 80% on tests.
<b>2.F.7.m.</b> ethical and culturally relevant strategies for selecting, administering, and interpreting assessment and test results	D2L Unit 6, 7, 8, 9; Discussion 6, 8; W&F Text – C16	Test 3, 4; asynchronous discussion rubric; Instrument revie	Asynchronous discussion rubric; Instrument completion reviews rubric	≥ 80% of average rubric scores will either meet (2) or exceed (3) expectation; ≥ 80% of students will score ≥ 80% on tests.



SC Standard	Learning Activity or Assignment	Assessment	Assessment	
<b>5.G.1.e.</b> assessments specific to P-12 education	D2L Unit 13, 14, 16; Discussion 6, 7; W&F Text – C7, C8, & C12	Test 4; asynchronous discussion rubric	Tests rubric; asynchronous discussion rubric	≥ 80% of average rubric scores will either meet (2) or exceed (3) expectation; ≥ 80% of students will score ≥ 80% on tests.

## Content Areas include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Meaning and purposes of assessment
- B. Sources of information about assessment instruments
- C. History of assessment
  - Ancient history
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Century
  - Current perspectives
- D. Assessment with Diverse Populations
- E. Ethical and legal considerations in assessment
- F. Non-standardized assessment techniques
- G. Basic statistical concepts
- H. The assessment process
- I. Technical Qualities of Measures
  - Reliability
  - Validity
  - Norm Groups Reference Samples
- J. Types and interpretation of scores
- K. Measures for specific purposes
  - Intelligence and scholastic ability tests
  - Aptitude tests
  - Achievement tests
  - Career and employment assessment
  - Personality assessment
  - Clinical Assessment

# **TEXES Competencies for School Counselors that relate to this course** (TEXES is the state examination required to gain School Counselor certification)

## Competency 002 (Student Diversity)

• The school counselor understands human diversity and applies this knowledge to ensure that the developmental guidance and counseling program is responsive to all students.



#### Competency 003 (Factors affecting Students)

 The school counselor understands factors that may affect students' development and school achievement and applies this knowledge to promote students' ability to achieve their potential.

## Competency 007 (Assessment)

 The school counselor understands principles of assessment and is able to use assessment results to identify students' strengths and needs, monitor progress, and engage in planning to promote school success.

## Competency 010 (Professionalism)

• The school counselor understands and complies with ethical, legal, and professional standards relevant to the profession.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

#### Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Admission to Graduate Studies at Texas A&M University-Commerce. In addition, students are expected to be able to: 1) Use effectively D2L Brightspace, the University learning management system; 2) Navigate the World Wide Web using a web browser (i.e., Safari, Edge, Chrome, Firefox) and a search engine (e.g., Google, Yahoo); 3) Communicate electronically via email; 4) Send attachments via email; and, 4) Use a word processing computer program, preferably MS Word.

#### **Instructional Methods**

Readings, lecture transcripts, threaded discussion, small group activities, and supervised applications.

## **Assignments/Assessments**

## 1. Tests (5 tests; 20 points each, 100 total points)

Five (5) tests will be completed during the term. Test items will be drawn from transcribed lectures, text, and assigned readings. Test items have been designed to address all levels of Bloom's (Anderson & Krathwohl, 2001; Bloom, Engelhart, Furst, Hill, & Krathwohl, 1956) taxonomy. Thus, you will encounter items for which responses are not readily found directly in the text or lessons. Instead, discerning the correct response will require an in-depth understanding of the concepts upon which the item is based. There is no set schedule for completing tests. All tests are available throughout the semester, but must be completed by noon of the last day of the semester. Final grade value: 30%

#### Test Rubric

	1 – Does not meet	2 - Meets	3 – Exceeds
	expectations	expectations	expectations
Percentage of items	Fewer than 80% of	Greater than 80% but	At least 90% of items
answered correctly on	items answered	fewer than 90% of	answered correctly
each test	correctly	items answered	•
	-	correctly	



## 2. Discussions (8 discussions; 160 points total)

Students are expected to participate in 8 discussions hosted asynchronously in the LMS. I will post a discussion prompt on designated days. You are expected to respond to that prompt typically within 48 hours and to respond to at least 3 classmates' contributions 48 hours after that. Twenty possible points can be earned for each weekly discussion, distributed as follows: Your initial contribution – 10 points; first response to a classmate's contribution – 5 points; second response to a classmate's contribution – 3 points; third response to a classmate's contribution – 2 points; having the last word – PRICELESS! Final grade value: 25%.

#### **Discussion Rubric**

	1 – Does not meet	2 - Meets	3 – Exceeds
	expectations	expectations	expectations
Points earned on each	Earns 15 or fewer	Earns 16-19 points on	Earns 20 points on a
discussion item	points on a discussion	a discussion item,	discussion item.
(20 points)	item. Offers initial	Offers initial	Offers initial
	comments with no	comments. Responds	comments. Responds
	more than 1 response	to 1 or 2 colleagues'	to 3 of colleagues'
	to 1 colleague.	comments.	comments.
	Comments may or	Comments reflect an	Comments reflect in-
	may not reflect	adequate topic	depth topic
	adequate topic	knowledge.	knowledge.
	knowledge.		

## 3. Assessment Instrument Completion and Reaction (100 points)

I will identify 2 assessments available at no charge for on-line completion or for downloading, printing, and written completion. You are to complete these, then submit a 1-2 page reaction for each in which you discuss your expectations regarding the assessment, the complexity/simplicity of the items, the perceived relevance of the measure, your anticipated results versus your actual results, etc. An Assignment Folder will be designated which will include detailed assignment instructions and to which you will submit each review. Final grade value: 20%

**Assessment Instrument Completion and Reaction Rubric** 

Assessment instrument Completion and Reaction Rubite			
	1 – Does not meet	2 - Meets	3 – Exceeds
	expectations	expectations	expectations
	(< 80%)	(80-89%)	(>89%)
Quality of	Completes and reacts	Completes 2	Completes 2
Assessment	to only 1 instrument;	instruments, offering	instruments, offering
Instrument	OR completes 2	reactions to both.	reactions to both.
Completion and	instruments but does	Fails to address	Addresses adequately
Reaction	not offer reaction to	required discussion	discussion points on
(100 points)	either; OR offers	points on 1 reaction;	both reactions.
	reaction but fails to	OR addresses poorly	
	address required	discussion points on	
	discussion points.	both reactions.	



## 4. Key Assignment 22: Assessment Instrument Results/Interpretation Presentation (100 points)

Students will be presented with results from an assessment battery, along with technical and interpretation data for those measures. From these, students will prepare a written narrative for stakeholders (e.g., client, parents of a minor, treating/diagnosing counselor), selecting those measures most germane to the identified, fictional individual, incorporating all appropriate information. Additional assignment guidelines and requirements will be provided during the semester. Final grade value: 25%

**Key Assessment 22: Instrument Results/Interpretation Presentation Rubric** (CHMC Standard G1: H1)

(CHIVIC Standard G1, 111)			
	1-Does not meet	2-Meets	3-Exceed
	expectation	expectation	expectation
Chooses measures	Includes fewer than	Includes at least	Includes ALL
(10 points)	80% of applicable	80% of applicable	applicable measures
	measures	measures	(9-10  points)
	(0 < 7.5  points)	(7.5 < 9  points)	
Incorporating pertinent	Does not include all	Includes all	Includes all pertinent
information	pertinent information	pertinent	information, well-
(40 points)	(0 < 30  points)	information, but ill-	presented
		presented	(35-40  points)
		(30 < 35  points)	
Presents information as	Information as list or	Information as	Information as
narrative	bullet points	narrative, but ill-	narrative, well-
(30 points)	(0 < 22.5  points)	developed	developed
		(22.5 < 26.5  points)	(26.5 - 30  points)
Writing ability	Misspelled words;	No misspelled	No misspelled
(spelling, syntax,	weak syntax and/or	words; adequate	words; good syntax;
grammar)	poor grammar	syntax and/or few	no grammatical
(20 points)	(0 < 15  points)	grammatical errors	errors
		(15 < 17.5  points)	(17.5 - 20  points)

## LATE ASSIGNMENTS

Occasionally, students require "extra" time in order to complete an assignment. One additional week may be "purchased" with 10% of the possible grade for an assignment. For example, Harry is unable to complete and submit his Assessment Instrument Completion and Reaction on time. The maximum grade Harry can receive now on his Assessment Instrument Completion and Reaction is 90%. Extra time cannot be purchased for completing tests.

#### **GRADING**

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

90%-100% A 80%-89% B



70%-79% C 60%-69% D < 59% F

## TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

## **Browser support**

D2L is committed to performing key application testing when new browser versions are released. New and updated functionality is also tested against the latest version of supported browsers. However, due to the frequency of some browser releases, D2L cannot guarantee that each browser version will perform as expected. If you encounter any issues with any of the browser versions listed in the tables below, contact D2L Support, who will determine the best course of action for resolution. Reported issues are prioritized by supported browsers and then maintenance browsers.

Supported browsers are the latest or most recent browser versions that are tested against new versions of D2L products. Customers can report problems and receive support for issues. For an optimal experience, D2L recommends using supported browsers with D2L products.

Maintenance browsers are older browser versions that are not tested extensively against new versions of D2L products. Customers can still report problems and receive support for critical issues; however, D2L does not guarantee all issues will be addressed. A maintenance browser becomes officially unsupported after one year.

## Note the following:

- Ensure that your browser has JavaScript and Cookies enabled.
- For desktop systems, you must have Adobe Flash Player 10.1 or greater.
- The Brightspace Support features are now optimized for production environments when using the Google Chrome browser, Apple Safari browser, Microsoft Edge browser, Microsoft Internet Explorer browser, and Mozilla Firefox browsers.

## **Desktop Support**

Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)	Maintenance Browser Version(s)
Microsoft® Edge	Latest	N/A
Mozilla® Firefox®	Latest, ESR	N/A
Google® Chrome <sup>TM</sup>	Latest	N/A
Apple® Safari®	Latest	N/A



## **Tablet and Mobile Support**

Device	Operating System	Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)
Android™	Android 4.4+	Chrome	Latest
Apple	iOS®	Safari, Chrome	The current major version of iOS (the latest minor or <b>point</b> release of that major version) and the previous major version of iOS (the latest minor or <b>point</b> release of that major version). For example, as of June 7, 2017, D2Lsupports iOS 10.3.2 and iOS 9.3.5, but not iOS 10.2.1, 9.0.2, or any other version. Chrome: Latest version for the iOS browser.
Windows	Windows 10	Edge, Chrome, Firefox	Latest of all browsers, and Firefox ESR.

- You will need regular access to a computer with a broadband Internet connection. The minimum computer requirements are:
  - o 512 MB of RAM, 1 GB or more preferred
  - o Broadband connection required courses are heavily video intensive
  - O Video display capable of high-color 16-bit display 1024 x 768 or higher resolution
- **For YouSeeU Sync Meeting sessions** <u>8 *Mbps*</u> **is required.** Additional system requirements found here: https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements
- You must have a:
  - o Sound card, which is usually integrated into your desktop or laptop computer
  - Speakers or headphones.
  - \*For courses utilizing video-conferencing tools and/or an online proctoring solution, a webcam and microphone are required.
- Both versions of Java (32 bit and 64 bit) must be installed and up to date on your machine. At a minimum Java 7, update 51, is required to support the learning management system. The most current version of Java can be downloaded at: JAVA web site <a href="http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp">http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp</a>
- Current anti-virus software must be installed and kept up to date.



Running the browser check will ensure your internet browser is supported.

Pop-ups are allowed.

JavaScript is enabled.

Cookies are enabled.

- You will need some additional free software (plug-ins) for enhanced web browsing. Ensure that you download the free versions of the following software:
  - o Adobe Reader https://get.adobe.com/reader/
  - o Adobe Flash Player (version 17 or later) https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/
  - o Adobe Shockwave Player https://get.adobe.com/shockwave/
  - o Apple Quick Time http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/
- At a minimum, you must have Microsoft Office 2013, 2010, 2007 or Open Office. Microsoft Office is the standard office productivity software utilized by faculty, students, and staff. Microsoft Word is the standard word processing software, Microsoft Excel is the standard spreadsheet software, and Microsoft PowerPoint is the standard presentation software. Copying and pasting, along with attaching/uploading documents for assignment submission, will also be required. If you do not have Microsoft Office, you can check with the bookstore to see if they have any student copies.

#### ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

**Note:** Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

## **COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT**

**Brightspace Support** 

**Need Help?** 

**Student Support** 

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

#### **Technical Support**

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778 or click on the **Live Chat** or click on the words "click here" to submit an issue via email.





## **System Maintenance**

Please note that on the 4th Sunday of each month there will be System Maintenance which means the system will not be available 12 pm-6 am CST.

#### **Interaction with Instructor Statement**

I prefer to interact via email (Chester.Robinson@tamuc.edu) or via text (903.366.2125). Typically, I will respond within 24 hours Sunday — Thursday. Emails/texts received on Friday or Saturday MAY NOT be answered until Monday morning. While I do have these capacities on my phone, I prefer to respond from my computer instead of "poking" a response on the phone's virtual keyboard.

## COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

# **Course Specific Procedures/Policies**

## **Late Assignments**

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# **Syllabus Change Policy**

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

# **University Specific Procedures**

#### **Student Conduct**

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook.

http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <a href="Netiquette http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html">Netiquette http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html</a>

#### **TAMUC Attendance**

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the <u>Attendance</u> webpage and <u>Procedure</u> 13.99.99.R0.01.

http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx

The *syllabus/schedule* are *subject to change* 



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## **Academic Integrity**

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03

 $\underline{http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf}$ 

Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10

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#### **ADA Statement**

#### **Students with Disabilities**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

## Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce Gee Library- Room 162 Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/

#### **Nondiscrimination Notice**

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.



## **Campus Concealed Carry Statement**

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the <u>Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus</u> document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

 $\underline{http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.} \\ R1.pdf$ 

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.



## **COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR**

Spring 2025 (01/13/2025 – 05/09/2025)

*Note.* COUN 517 is hosted asynchronously, thus, being self-paced, generally speaking. However, certain assignments have specific due dates. Those are listed below. Tests have no specific due dates. All tests must be completed by noon on the last class day. For those who are challenged by self-pacing/monitoring, the following is a suggested/recommended schedule for successful completion:

#### Course Calendar

Week	Topic	Reading(s)	Assignment(s)
1	Intro to Counseling Assessment	C1; U1	D1
2	Assessment Procedures	C6, C13	
3	Assessment Information Sources	U3	D2
4	History & Current Issues	C1, C16	
5	Basic Statistical Concepts	C2	D3, *T1
6	Basic Statistical Concepts; Understanding Test Scores	C2, C5	D4; IR1 due 2/23
7		SPRING BREAK	
8	Choosing a Measure 1, 2	C3, C4, C5	
9	Choosing a Measure 3, 4	C3, C4, C5	D5
10	Communicating Results to Individuals	C5, C6	*T2
11	Communicating Results to Groups	C5, C6	D6; IR2 due 3/23
12	Assessing Intelligence & Cognitive Abilities	C7, C13, C15	*T3
13	Assessing Aptitude & Achievement	C8, C13, C15	D7
14	Assessing Personality	C9, C10, C13, C15	*T4; ARP Due 04/27
15	Environmental (Behavioral) Assessment; Career & Occupational Assessment	C11, C12	D8; *T5

Key: U – Unit C – Chapter in Text D – Discussion IR – Instrument Review

**ARP** – Assessment Results Presentation (Key Assignment 22: Assessment Instrument Results/Interpretation Presentation)

The syllabus/schedule are subject to change

<sup>\*</sup>T – Test (Note that Test dates are SUGGESTED/RECOMMENDED dates; All tests must be completed by noon of the last class day.)



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