

**COURSE DATA****Data Subject**

Code	33311
Name	Psychometrics
Cycle	Grade
ECTS Credits	9.0
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Study (s)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1319 - Degree in Psychology	Faculty of Psychology and Speech Therapy	2	Annual

Subject-matter

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1319 - Degree in Psychology	12 - Psychometrics	Obligatory

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SUMMARY

- Psychometrics is a compulsory year-long subject taught in the 2nd year of the Degree in Psychology.
- Its 9 credits are distributed into 6 theoretical and practical credits in the first semester and 3 theoretical and practical credits in the second one.
- Students are expected to learn the basics of psychological measurement using scales and tests: its characteristics, basic methods of scale and test construction, the most important theories of testing and evaluation of their measurement quality.
- This subject is both theoretical and practical.



PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

Relationship to other subjects of the same degree

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

Other requirements

Relation to other subjects of the same degree:

Degree in Psychology:

36244 Statistics I: it is required to have passed this subject.

36245 Statistics II: it is required to have passed this subject.

Other requirements

User-level computer skills: be able to handle basic computer tools, to surf the net and to use some office programmes (Word, Excel, Powerpoint).

OUTCOMES

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- Conocer los principios del método científico y las características de las diferentes metodologías utilizadas en Psicología y sus técnicas de análisis.
- Ser capaz de aplicar el conocimiento metodológico para resolver los problemas planteados en la práctica profesional.
- Ser capaz de valorar, comparar y seleccionar los instrumentos propios y específicos de evaluación psicológica.
- Ser capaz de aplicar, interpretar, valorar críticamente y comunicar los resultados de la evaluación psicométrica.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of the course students will know:

- What the process of construction of psychometric instruments is and how it is carried out. Elaboration, analysis, validation and scoring.
- What the analysis and evaluation of existing psychometric instruments is and how it is performed. Adaptation of tests.
- What an adequate use of the psychometric instruments is and how it is carried out. Selection, management, analysis, interpretation and report writing.



DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. Introduction to Psychometrics.

1. The process of psychometric inference
2. Historical context
3. Types of measurement. Levels of measurement. Acceptable statistics. Utility criterion
4. Psychometrics in the context of psychology as a science, in psychological research and in the psychologist's professional practice

2. Fundamentals of scaling for test and scale construction.

1. Definition and characteristics of a psychometric scale
2. General process of scaling and measurement
3. Scaling and measurement procedures.

3. Methods of psychological scaling.

1. Unidimensional scaling methods.
2. Introduction to multidimensional scaling methods.

4. Test construction.

1. Relation between scaling and test construction
2. Definition and characteristics of the psychometric test
3. Test construction
4. Scoring methods
5. Item analysis
6. Quality of the test: reliability and validity.
7. Analysis and evaluation of published tests.

5. Classical test theory: basics of the classical linear model.

1. Spearmans model formalisation
2. Relations and indices deduced from hypotheses of the model
3. Reliability index, reliability coefficient and standard error of measurement



6. Estimation of reliability.

1. Conditions of parallelism
2. Reliability coefficient as observed variance ratio due to true variance
3. Procedures for estimating reliability
4. Alpha coefficient: factors on which it depends, interpretation, variants
5. Reliability of a compound
6. Estimating true scores and contrasting scores
7. Limitations and critical aspects of this procedure: homogeneity, how to increase reliability, minimum values according to the objective pursued

7. Validity.

1. Basic concepts.
2. Historical evolution up to the present.

8. Validity: Internal evidence sources.

1. Adequacy of test content.
2. Internal structure of the test. Test dimensionality. Exploratory Factor Analysis.

9. Validity: External sources of evidence

1. Relations between test and other variables
2. Relations between test and criterion
3. Convergent and discriminant validity
4. Bias and Differential Item Functioning
5. Other sources of evidence.

10. Validity: Other aspects.

1. Factors that affect the validity of the test
2. Coefficient of validity and decision-making
3. Validity in test manuals and in the Official College of Psychologists (COP) recommendations.

11. Interpretation of scores

1. Interpretation of scores: standards and criteria
2. Samples and scales
3. The process of scoring: analysis and evaluation of the tests and scales
4. Scoring.

**12. Item response theory: models, estimation and fit**

1. General conditions and assumptions
2. Types of models: features and properties
3. Checking assumptions
4. Estimation of parameters
5. Fit assessment

13. Item response theory: Applications

1. Item and test effectiveness: information functions
2. Relative efficiency
3. Test characteristic curve
4. Advantages, limitations and applications

WORKLOAD

ACTIVITY	Hours	% To be attended
Theoretical and practical classes	90,00	100
Development of group work	10,00	0
Development of individual work	15,00	0
Study and independent work	30,00	0
Readings supplementary material	5,00	0
Preparation of evaluation activities	20,00	0
Preparing lectures	30,00	0
Preparation of practical classes and problem	20,00	0
Resolution of case studies	5,00	0
TOTAL	225,00	

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

This subject will follow these teaching strategies:

1. Presentations (lectures) on the contents of the course
2. Practical classes based on exercises, case discussion and problem solving
3. Study, problem solving, readings and preparation for lessons and independent work



4. Individual tutorials at the office hours requested by students or lecturers if necessary
5. Scheduled group tutorials if necessary

EVALUATION

The assessment and marking shall be subject to the provisions of the Regulations on Assessment and Marking (*Reglament d'avaluació i qualificació*) of the University of Valencia (ACGUV 108/2017).

Marking system and criteria (Article 16): Results of the different assessment activities as well as the final result obtained by students in this course will be marked on a numerical scale from 0 to 10 points to one decimal place: $0 \leq \text{Fail} < 5$; $5 \leq \text{Pass} < 7$; $7 \leq \text{Good} < 9$; $9 \leq \text{Excellent} \leq 10$.

Excellent with distinction (Article 17): An excellent with distinction can be awarded to a student having obtained a mark of 9.0 or higher by strict order of results in the examination record. The number of students being awarded an excellent with distinction cannot exceed 5% of the students enrolled in the course in the academic year. These conditions shall be applied to every group of the course.

In case of students with the same total mark, the one obtaining Excellent with distinction will be the student with the highest mark in Section 1. In case of students with the same total mark and the same mark in Section 1, the one obtaining Excellent with distinction will be the student with the highest mark in Section 2.

Assessment procedure and criteria (Article 6): The mark of the course depends on the assessment of the following sections:

Section 1. "Examinations" Assessment of theoretical and practical contents through written examinations. This will be worth **70%** of the final grade (7 points).

Section 2. "Reports". Oral and/or written presentation of reports, individual or group projects, clinical cases, problem solving and/or diagnostic test management; may include problem solving and data management with statistical and psychometric software. It will be evaluated based on the quality of the results. This will be worth **20%** of the final grade (2 points).

Section 3. "Assignments". Active participation and performing of classroom activities, seminars and workshops, individually or in group; problem solving and data management with statistical and psychometric software; and motivation for quality of learning outcomes can all be taken into account. It will be evaluated based on the quality of the results. This will be worth **10%** of the final grade (1 points).



Students have the right to two attempts (Art. 5).

Assessment criteria (Art. 16) and similarities between the first and second calls (Art. 6):

1. Each section will be worth the same at both calls (section 1, 70%, section 2, 20% and section 3, 10%).
2. Attaining at least 50% in section 1 and 50% of section 2 is necessary to pass the course.
3. Section 1 is divided into two parts: midyear examination 1, based on the contents of the first semester (2/3 of the course, 4.7 points of the final grade) and examination 2, based on the contents of the second semester (1/3 of the course, 2.3 points of the final grade). A separate examination will be conducted for each of them.
4. An examination is deemed passed (Article 16) when a mark of 5 or higher on a scale of 0 to 10 has been obtained. Examinations with a mark lower than 5 result in a final mark of *Fail* in the course, which shall be resat. If an examination has a mark lower than 5, the maximum mark of the course will be 4. In order to implement these marking criteria and allow students to resit their examinations, this two-part structure will be kept for the two calls.
5. For the assessment of sections 2 and 3, lecturers may request individual or group interviews from students during teaching or office hours to verify the degree of participation and achievement of the objectives set for any task developed. Not accepting such verification will lead to failing the task or activity in question.
6. Sections 1 and 2 can be resat at the second call. Section 3 cannot be resat at the second call.

Differences between the first and the second calls (Art. 6):

Section 1. First Call: A qualifying midyear examination will be sat at the end of the first semester on the official date established by the Faculty of Psychology. The students who pass it will have to sit an examination of the second part on the official date of the first call. Students not passing the first semester examination will have to pass both examinations (first and second part) on the official date of the first call. On this date both examinations can be taken consecutively in separate tests or in a joint test including both parts duly identified.

Section 1. Second Call: For the second call, the mark of any of both examinations (≥ 5) will be carried forward. Section 1 will be assessed with the same kind of examinations at both the first and second calls.

Sections 2 and 3. First Call: Students may be assessed through the following procedures: reports or written assignments; oral presentations of such reports or assignments; case studies and problem solving to show their knowledge and results; preparation, evaluation, application, analysis, and interpretation of psychological test results (tests, questionnaires, scales, etc.) and data management using the appropriate computer and calculation tools.



Sections 2 and 3. Second Call: For the second call, the marks of sections 2 and/or 3 (≥ 5) will be carried forward if previously passed. Assessment of section 2 at the second call may be carried out either through one of the procedures specified for the first call (with the obvious exception of classroom presentations) or by passing an examination, test or exercise that will be specifically designed to assess the students' knowledge and skills in this section. This examination will be sat on the date of the second examination call and it may require the resolution of cases and/or the analysis and interpretation of problems and results with exercises and activities. Lecturers will inform students of the way the section will be reassessed at the second call according to the character of the activities performed and the conditions available for the examination. These assessment procedures may be combined.

Absent mark (Art. 6): At first call if a student has not sat any section 1 test (included the midyear test), their mark will be *Absent (No Presentado or NP)*, regardless of the rest.

At the second call, if a student has not been assessed for any section (1, 2 or 3), the examination record of the course shall include an *Absent* mark.

At both the first and second calls:

If any mark has been recorded in section 1, but minimum requirements have not been met, their mark will be *Fail*. If a mark of 5 has not been attained in one of both examinations, the overall maximum mark of the course will be 4.

If any mark has been recorded in section 1, and minimum requirements have been met, but a minimum overall mark of 5 has not been attained, the overall mark of the course will be *Fail* based on the weighted marks of both sections.

Development of examinations (Art. 11): Lecturers may require students to show an official photo ID at the beginning of the test. No valid proof of identity may result in being banned from the examination.

Lecturers will allow access to the examination room during the first 15 minutes from the official start time of the examination, unless one of the students leaves the classroom during this time.

If a student leaves the classroom after the examination has been handed out, they will be asked to print their name in the examination and will be considered as having sat this test at this attempt.

The rules for the development of examinations apply to all assessment tasks in section 1, as well as those in sections 2 or 3 requiring this kind of assessment.

Dishonest assessment elements (Article 13): Students are obliged to comply with the rules and procedures ensuring the authenticity and the privacy of the assessment. Any behaviour or act contravening these rules may lead to a stop in the test, its submission and the student's ban from the classroom no sooner has it been detected (Article 13). Students must refrain from using or participating in dishonest means in any assessment tests or assignments (Article 2). In any case, when there is evidence of dishonest practices in a test or in a part of it, it can be marked with a zero (Article 13). Evidence of copying or plagiarism in any of the assessable tasks will result in it being marked with a zero and in appropriate disciplinary action being taken.



Release and review of results (Article 18): Throughout the course, lecturers will inform students of the results of the tests leading to the final mark. Lecturers will release the proposed overall mark of the course within 14 calendar days at the first attempt and within 10 calendar days at the second attempt. Together with this mark, the place, date and time of the examination review shall be indicated at least 24 hours in advance. All marks of the different tests leading to the overall mark shall be published on the virtual learning environment of the course.

Following the review with a lecturer, students can request to begin an appeal against their marks in accordance with the regulations (Art 21). Reviews and Appeals shall be subject to the provisions of the Regulations on Assessment and Marking (*Reglament d'avaluació i qualificació*) of the University of Valencia (ACGUV 108/2017).

This course guide (Art. 4) is in accordance with the Qualification Verification Report (*Memòria de Verificació del Títol*) and has been approved by the Degree Academic Committee (*Comissió Acadèmica del Títol de Grau* or CAT).

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ADDENDUM COVID-19

This addendum will only be activated if the health situation requires so and with the prior agreement of the Governing Council

1. CONTENTS

The contents initially programmed in the guide are kept taking into account the adaptations of teaching materials indicated in the following sections.

2. WORKLOAD AND TIME PLANNING

Lectures will be adapted to the ONLINE format, and this format will be extended during the time the Commission of the Academic Grade determines, according to the directions received from the Rectorate Office.

Workload will be adapted according to the lectures format in force.

3. TEACHING METHODOLOGY

All methodologies referred in the Guide for the theoretical and practical sessions including exercises and the resolution and discussion of problems and cases are kept.

The online sessions will be held following the subject timetable. These sessions are based on “Aula Virtual” synchronous videoconference tasks using Blackboard Collaborate or other tools provided by the University of Valencia. Presentations linked or upload to Aula Virtual may also be used to a lesser extent, always keeping the synchronous character of the online sessions. The description of the activities in Aula Virtual will include the start and end time and any reference to the materials that may be required.

If additional instructional materials are needed for these sessions (such as presentations, handouts or other types of documents) they may be linked or uploaded to Aula Virtual. Those materials for classroom teaching mentioned in the guide will be adapted to the virtual format if necessary. The UV e-mail or the Aula Virtual forums will be used to answer doubts.



Office hours. The virtual office-hours program upholds (email answer in 48 working hours) using the virtual tools provided by the University (Aula Virtual, Blackboard Collaborate, Microsoft Teams, or email). In addition, and in the case that the teaching staff so provides in its schedule, face-to-face office hours may also be held.

4. ASSESSMENT

Examination will be carried out according to the rules in force determined by the “Consell de Govern” agreements.

The assessment system has three sections: “Exams” (initially 70% in each term), “Reports” (initially 20% in each term), and “Assignments” (initially 10% in each term). If the exams can be held in person, as stated in the current instructions from the University, the distribution and weight of the 3 sections will keep up as stated in the guide.

If the examination cannot be held in person, the weights of the 3 sections will change as stated in the following paragraphs.

The assessment is divided into two parts:

1. The first part, relating to the contents of the first term, represents 2/3 of the final grade. If the examination of the first term (usually held in January) could not be carried out in person, the weights of the three sections for the first term will be modified in the following terms.

- “Examination” (Assessment test relating to the theoretical and practical subject of the first term). This section is worth 70% in the guide, but if the first-term exam cannot be held in person, it will be worth 50%.
- “Reports” (Oral and/or written presentation of reports, individual or group work, clinical cases, and diagnostic test management; may include problem-solving and data management with statistical and psychometric software. It will be evaluated based on the quality of the results.). In the guide this section is weighted 20%, but if the first-term exam cannot be held in person, it will have a weight of 40%.
- “Assignments.” (Active participation and completion of class activities, seminars and workshops, individually or in group, may include problem solving, case studies, and data management with statistical and psychometric software, and take into account motivation for quality of learning outcomes. It will be evaluated based on the quality of the results). This section is worth 10% in the guide and if the first-term exam cannot be done in person it does not change its weight, which remains at 10%.

If the first-term exam in January cannot be taken in person, the guide’s weights of the sections (70-20-10%) for the first term will be modified to 50-40-10% and the new weights will also be maintained for the assessments related to the first term in the first call exams at the end of the course, as well as in assessments related to the first term in the second call exams after the end of the course.



2. The second part, relating to the contents of the second term, accounts for 1/3 of the final grade. Given that the second term is expected to be taught in person, the assessment system for the second term is not modified. Then, following the guide:

- “Examination” (Assessment test relating to the theoretical and practical subject of the second term). This section is worth 70% in the guide, but if the first-term exam cannot be held in person, it will be worth 50%.
- “Reports” (Oral and/or written presentation of reports, individual or group work, clinical cases, and diagnostic test management; may include problem-solving and data management with statistical and psychometric software. It will be evaluated based on the quality of the results.). In the guide this section is weighted 20%, but if the first-term exam cannot be held in person, it will have a weight of 40%.
- “Assignments.” (Active participation and completion of class activities, seminars and workshops, individually or in group, may include problem solving, case studies, and data management with statistical and psychometric software, and take into account motivation for quality of learning outcomes. It will be evaluated based on the quality of the results). This section is worth 10% in the guide and if the first-term exam cannot be done in person it does not change its weight, which remains at 10%.

If the second-term exam in May cannot be taken in person, the guide’s weights of the sections (70-20-10%) for the second term will be modified to 50-40-10% and the new weights will also be maintained for the assessments related to the second term in the second call exams at the end of the course.

The contribution of each part and section to the final grade may be summarized in the following terms:

- First term: IF THE FIRST TERM EXAM (JANUARY) CAN BE TAKEN IN PERSON: Exam (46.67%), Reports (13.33%), Assignments (6.67%) → 66.67% of the final grade
- First term: IF THE FIRST TERM EXAM (JANUARY) CANNOT BE TAKEN IN PERSON: Exam (33.33%), Reports (26.67%), Assignments (6.67%) → 66.67% of the final grade
- Second term: IF THE SECOND TERM EXAM (MAY) CAN BE TAKEN IN PERSON: Exam (23.33%), Reports (6.67%), Assignments (3.33%) → 33.33% of the final grade
- Second term: IF THE SECOND TERM EXAM (MAY) CANNOT BE TAKEN IN PERSON: Exam (16.67%), Reports (13.33%), Assignments (3.33%) → 33.33% of the final grade

The exam for each part is passed when its score is greater than or equal to 5 out of 10. To obtain a “pass” mark it is necessary to have a 5 on the exam and a 5 on the report. Any part exam with a grade less than 5 involves an overall fail grade and it must be resat. If a part exam has a grade lower than 5, the maximum final grade of the subject will be 4. In order to apply these grading criteria and facilitate the retake of the part exams this structure of two part-exams, as well as the form of the part exams, will keep in the first and the second call.



All exams will be held at the place, date and time established by the Faculty of Psychology. In case health circumstances prevent in-person exams, exams will be held on the date and time established by the Faculty of Psychology adapted to the virtual means available in Aula Virtual.

Examinations will be carried out by means of objective tests or open questions with limited time. They may include multiple-choice items, true/false, open questions, solving and interpretation of problems and cases, completion of calculation exercises and data analysis, and interpretation of outputs. Different forms can be generated, for example by varying the data, randomizing the presentation of items for different students, and adapting to the particularities of the teaching groups.

If due to health circumstances an exam has to be carried out online, the exam activity will be identified as such in Aula Virtual, mentioning the call, the part to which it refers (first or second term), the start time and the end time or delivery time if applicable. Once the exam is over and after its correction, the student may be requested individually by their teacher to provide clarifications on the answers by e-mail, videoconference, or other means using Aula Virtual. If at the time of the exam a student has technical difficulties (hardware problems, connection failures...) he/she should write an email to his/her teacher using the account @alumni.uv.es, identifying and describing the difficulties. The student will be informed of an alternative time to take the exam under the form of an individual oral exam. This oral exam will take place within the following 48 hours from the end of the official examination. The teaching staff will indicate which tool will be used to make the connection (which may also be established by phone using video-conference tools) and may require any additional device they deem appropriate to assess the student. Oral exams may raise or lower the previous mark obtained by another means of examination. If the student does not agree to take the oral exam or to answer any request clarification by the means that the teaching staff deems necessary, the grade of the examination to which they refer may be a failing grade. Once the examination has been completed, the provisional results will be published as established in the Guide, and students may e-mail their teacher to ask for a review of the exam results. The teacher will communicate the reception of the request and will establish the appropriate way for the review by any of the available virtual tools. The exam review may involve if deemed necessary, common means (such as forums or documents) for general feedback on the questions, and individual means (such as e-mail or videoconference) for particular reviews.

The rest of the aspects of the assessment included in the Guide are maintained as they are in the Guide.

5. BIBLIOGRAPHY

The bibliography recommended in the Guide is maintained as it is. For the virtual teaching, when appropriate, some handouts, presentations, or other documents will be uploaded to the Aula Virtual.

Some additional teaching resources such as doubts resolution, supplementary materials, voice-over slides, videos, or podcasts, may also be linked to Aula Virtual.