



Axinn Library Guide to Tests and Measures

This guide provides information on selected tests and measures resources available in Axinn Library.

Some preliminaries –

Just because you find a test doesn't mean you can use it. You may need to have training, get permission from the university (or your professor in lieu of the university), get permission from the author, have particular credentials, etc. **CHECK WITH YOUR PROFESSOR!!!**

Items that contain actual tests have the **T** icon to the left of the title/call number in this booklet

If you know the name of the test,

you can use the following resources to determine its availability and if you will be able to use it:

Mental Measurements Yearbook (MMY)

REF BF 176 M47a

- *MMY* is also known as 'Buros'
- All tests in *MMY* are published, commercial tests which **must be purchased**. These tests are considered confidential materials, and **may not be used by nor shown to anyone without the proper credentials** (see Chapter 9 of APA's Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct for more information (<http://www.apa.org/ethics/code2022.html#9>))
- *MMY* provides publisher, scoring, administration, intended purpose and population, authors, and reviews of tests
- *Tests in Print* (see below) provides cumulative indexing of *MMY*
- Also available electronically (Volume 9 to present is available via Research Databases)

Tests in Print (TIP)

REF Z 5814.E9B8

- *TIP* provides cumulative indexing of *Mental Measurements Yearbook*, *Personality Tests and Reviews*, and *Reading Tests and Reviews* as well as tests not covered in those publications
- Annotated bibliography of tests in print, references on specific tests, and directory of test publishers

Tests: A Comprehensive Reference for Assessment in Psychology, Education, and Business

REF BF 176.T43

- Provides information on description, purpose, scoring, cost, and publisher for covered tests
- Indexed by test title, author, scoring service, publisher, and visual-impairment use

Test Critiques

REF BF 176 T419

- 10-volume set evaluates psychological tests
- Provides description and historical development of test, practical applications/uses (settings, appropriate and inappropriate subjects, administration, scoring, and interpretation; technical aspects (reliability and validity studies, expert evaluations); and an overall critique of the test
- Each volume provides a cumulative test-title index to all previous volumes

If you want a test on a particular issue, but haven't identified a specific test,
you can use the following:

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ETS Test Collection Catalog

Available electronically at http://204.50.92.130/ETS_Test_Collection/Portal.aspx ; provides scope, target audience, and availability on @ 25,000 standardized, commercially-available tests and research instruments. **Most ETS Test Collection tests are restricted tests which require documentation of training or academic credentials**

ETS Tests in Microfiche (TIM)

REFDESK LB3051.T45

Subset of ETS Test Collection Catalog; volumes indexed by topic; each test is assigned a number; look up number for information on test; all TIM tests are available on microfiche (also at REFDESK); you do not need to obtain permission to use the actual TIM tests unless you are making any changes to the test

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Directory of Unpublished Experimental Mental Measures

REF BF176.G65

- Provides information, references, and reports on experimental measures in psychology, education, personnel, and sociology
- Separate index volume that indexes the informational volumes

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Handbook of Research Design and Social Measurement (6th ed)

REF H62 M44 2002

- GREAT RESOURCE!!!! Covers all aspects of research designs
- Section 7 includes actual scales or information on available scales for social variables including social status, group structures, social indicators, organizational structures community and social participation, leadership, morality, job satisfaction, attitudes, values, family, marriage, and personality

Measures for Psychological Assessment: A Guide to 3,000 Original Sources and their Applications

REF BF 698.5 C45 1975

- Covers mental health and related concepts
- Provides citations to works where tests were originally described and to other works where test(s) were used
- Author, Descriptor, and ' Supplement to the Descriptor' indexes are IN FRONT of book, pp. 1-56

Comprehensive Handbook of Psychological Assessment

REF BF176 C654 2004

- 4-volume set covers intellectual and neuropsychological assessment, personality assessment, behavioral assessment, industrial and organizational assessment
- introduction to general topic, followed by articles on specific aspects of testing in that area, as well as on particular tests

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Measures for Clinical Practice: A Sourcebook

REF BF176 C66 1994 (2 Volumes) and REF BF176 C66 2007 (2 Volumes)

- Provides description, purpose, administration, scoring, norms, reliability, validity, and primary references
- Includes actual tests for adults, children, couples, families.

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Sexuality-related measures: A compendium

REF HQ60 S49 1988

- A collection of actual tests on sexuality-related issues including, but not limited to abortion, attitudes, contraception, education, experience, functioning, knowledge STD's, variations
- Includes actual test, description, scoring, reliability, validity, and references

Sex and gender issues: A handbook of tests and measures

REF BF692 B38 1990

Description, administration/scoring, populations, reliability and validity, references and availability of 197 scales on heterosexual relations, sexuality, contraception and abortion, pregnancy and childbirth, somatic issues, homosexuality, rape and sexual coercion, family violence, body image and appearance, and eating disorders

Gender Roles: A Handbook of Tests and Measures

REF HM253 B43 1990

- Provides information on scales of gender roles, children and gender, gender stereotypes, marital and parental roles, employee roles, multiple roles, and attitudes toward gender roles
- Provides title, authors, date, measured variable(s), instrument type, description, sample items, previous subject pools, appropriate use, administration, scoring, development, reliability, validity, articles on scale, other studies scales was used in, bibliography, and availability of tests.

Women and Women's Issues: A Handbook of Tests and Measures

REF HQ1180 B43

- Description, populations, administration, sample items, scoring, reliability, versions, and references, availability, including citation to article that contains test for 235 tests/measures
- Covers sex roles, sex stereotypes, sex role prescriptions, children's sex roles, gender knowledge, marital and parental roles, employee roles, multiple roles, attitudes toward women's issues, somatic and sexual issues and more

Tests and Measurements in Child Development: A Handbook

REF BF722 J64 1976

Tests and Measurements in Child Development: Handbook II

REF BF722 J643 1976 (2 volumes)

- These handbooks provide test title, author, applicable age range, variables measured, type of measure, source of test, description, reliability and validity data, and a bibliography for many tests in child development
- The Handbook covers tests for children birth to age 12; Handbook II (Vols 1 and II) covers tests for children birth to age 18
- Categories covered are cognition, personality and emotional characteristics, perceptions of environment [non-family], self-concept, environment [family], motor skills, brain injury, and sensory perception, physical attributes, miscellaneous attitudes and interests, social behavior, and miscellaneous; Handbook II also covers vocational tests

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Exactng Beauty: Theory, Assessment, and Treatment of Body Image Disturbance

REF RC 569.5 B65 E93 1999

- Covers prevalence, diversity, assessment, and treatment; societal and social approaches; interpersonal approaches; feminist approaches; behavioral, cognitive, and integrative approaches to body image disturbance
- Provides titles, authors (and addresses), description, reliability and standardization samples
- Each chapter has an appendix with actual tests; these appendices are listed on pp. ix-x

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Practitioner's Guide to Empirically-based Measures of Anxiety

Ebook (access from on-campus via LEXICAT)

- AABT Clinical Assessment Series book
- Covers GAD, panic disorder, specific and social phobias, OCD, PTSD, acute stress disorders and others
- Provides titles, acronyms, article citations, purpose, description, administration and scoring information, psychometrics, reliability and validity, alternate forms, and availability information for 200+ tests
- Appendix B contains 75 actual tests (included in earlier 200+) with administration and scoring information

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Practitioner's Guide to Empirically-based Measures of Depression

Ebook (access from on-campus via LEXICAT)

- AABT Clinical Assessment Series book
- Covers structured interview procedures, clinician rating protocols, and self-report measures of depression, depressive symptomology, and related phenomena
- Provides titles, acronyms, article citations, purpose, description, administration and scoring information, psychometrics, reliability and validity, alternate forms, and availability information for 90+ tests
- Appendix B contains 24 actual tests (included in earlier 90+) with administration and scoring information

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Sourcebook of nonverbal measures: going beyond words

Ebook (access from on-campus via LEXICAT)

- Provides full information about and actual observational and self-report measures of various nonverbal behaviors
- 27 included measures cover areas such as affectionate communication, touch avoidance, touch, display behaviors, facial display, deception indicators, conversational equality indicators, dominance, sadness, anger, pride indicators

T**Marriage and family assessment: A sourcebook for family therapy
HV697 M37 1983**

Covers interviews, behavioral assessments, observational techniques, and various inventories, several of which are included

What about Dissertations?

Doctoral students often adapt/create instruments for use in their dissertation. Dissertations Abstracts (via Research Databases) indexes North American and European dissertations. Tests are typically appended, and reliability and validity information is often included in the dissertation. Dissertations are normally held only by the institution at which they were conducted, and must be borrowed via inter-library loan or purchased directly from UMI for @ \$35.00 (www.umi.com). Most institutions lend their dissertations, but not all.

Hofstra dissertations are available electronically (1991 – present in ‘Current Research@Hofstra’ via Research Databases), in print or micro-fiche (both from 1970 – present). Print and microfiche copies are listed in the LEXICAT catalog.

What about journal articles?

Authors will sometimes append a test that they have constructed to their article. To find such tests, a good strategy is to include the term ‘appended’ in your search. For example, *school phobia AND appended*. Sometimes, the items (not exact form), administration and scoring are included within the article itself, but there is no search strategy that can identify these precisely – it’s hit or miss.

What about the web?

- Anyone can publish anything on the web, true or not true, accurate or not. In addition, if someone has posted a published test without the permission of the copyright holder, they are violating copyright.
- As a general rule, the only appropriate sites for obtaining tests are government sites and university sites of medical schools, psychology, education, and social work departments. Some appropriate sites include:

<http://www.psy.unsw.edu.au/Groups/Dass/>
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/pub-res/measure.htm>.
<http://www.med.nyu.edu/psych/screens/>
<http://www.psy.miami.edu/faculty/ccarver/CCscales.html>

T**Permission to use test?**

Tests are copyrighted. If you need to obtain permission, contact the copyright holder in writing (print or email). If their contact information is not listed in the book(s) covering the test itself, conduct a Google search, or ask a librarian for assistance.

Reliability and Validity of Tests?

Typically reliability and validity information is included in the book(s) that cover the test itself. For more information on reliability and validity, search databases such as PsycInfo, Professional Development Collection, or Medline. Enter the test name as the search term. Research articles in which the test has been used will usually include more reliability and validity data.

What if I want to construct my own test?

Test construction is a complicated business. But, if you must, there are a number of books available that provide guidance in constructing tests. Below are a few suggestions. Many others are also located in the BF39 and BF176 areas.

Psychological testing**BF176 .A5 1997****Psychometric theory****BF39 .N8 1994****Psychometric foundations and behavioral assessment****BF176.5 .S5513 1993****Introduction to psychological tests and scales****BF176 .L64 1996****Introduction to the logic of psychological measurement****BF39 .M54 1990****Survey Kit (2nd ed)****REF HN29 S724 2003**

10-volume set; each volume provides a concise, nuts and bolts treatment of topics such as how to ask questions, how to administer surveys, telephone and in-person interviews, how to sample, how to assess and interpret psychometrics, how to manage, analyze, and interpret data, and how to report on survey data

Questions? Comments?

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