#### **SYLLABUS**

# 1. Information about the study program

1.1 Higher education institution	Babeș-Bolyai University
1.2 Faculty	Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences
1.3 Department	Department of Psychology
1.4 Field of study	Psychology - Cognitive Sciences
1.5 Study cycle	Bachelor level
1.6 Study program / Qualification	Psychologist

#### 2. Information about the course

2.1 Title of the cou	course Psychodiagr			nosis II (Psychometrics of cognitive abilities/intelligence)			
2.2 Teacher in charge of the lecture			Le	Lect. Univ. Dr. Florean Ionuț-Stelian			
2.3 Teacher in charge of the seminar			Le	Lect. Univ. Dr. Florean Ionuț-Stelian			
2.4 Study year	II	2.5 Semester	4	2.6. Examination	Е	2.7 Course type	DD
				type			

# **3. Estimated total time** (number of hours of teaching activities per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	4	out of whi	ch: 3.2	2	3.3 seminar /	2
1		lecture			laboratory	
3.4 Total number of hours in the	56	out of whi	ch: 3.5	28	3.6 seminar /	28
curriculum		lecture			laboratory	
Distribution of the allocated amou	int of	time:				hours
Individual study (textbook, course support, bibliography, and notes)						
Supplementary documentation	at the	e library usii	ng specia	alized	electronic platforms	15
in the field						
Preparing for seminars / laboratories, homework, papers, portfolios, and essays						25
Tutoring						
Exams	2					
Other activities: research activities		2				
3.7 Total number of hours of		70				
individual study						
3.8 Total number of hours per		125				
semester						
3.9 Number of credits (ECTS)		5				

# 4. Prerequisites

4.1 Curriculum	Introduction to psychology
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	Quantitative research methods and statistics
4.2 Competencies	Descriptive and Inferential Statistics

## 5. Requirements

5.1 For the lecture	Classroom with at least 60 seats, computer and video projector / Online
	course conducted through the MS Teams platform.
5.2 For the	Room with at least 30 seats, computer and video projector / Online seminar
seminar/laboratory	conducted through the MS Teams platform.

# 6. Specific skills acquired

	Knowledge and understanding			
	Knowledge and understanding of the core concepts and principles of cognitive abilities evaluation.			
	• Demonstrate knowledge about the dominating models of intelligence and understanding about the division into general intelligence and specialized cognitive abilities.			
	• Be able to describe the factors that affect intelligence and their relative contributions, specifically in terms of behavioral genetic analyses of shared environment, unique environment, and genetic factors.			
	• Demonstrate an understanding of how intelligence is related to outcomes, such as educational attainment, career success, physical and psychological health, and quality of social relations.			
Professional skills	• Be able to describe the dominating explanations for both decreasing and increasing intelligence across time and between generations that have been observed.			
	Explanation and interpretation			
	Learning which methods and techniques are required to investigate the psychometric properties of a cognitive abilities test or questionnaire, when and how these methods and techniques can be applied, and how their results can be interpreted.			
	<ul> <li>Identify and critically assess the various instruments of intelligence assessment.</li> <li>Explain the main principles of psychometric assessment.</li> <li>Evaluate the psychometric properties of assessment instruments.</li> <li>Critically assess the clinical application and use of psychometric tests.</li> <li>Identify ethical and multicultural issues pertaining to the psychometric. assessment of intelligence.</li> <li>Perceive possible biases in the use of psychometric tests in a multicultural context.</li> </ul>			

	Instrumental - applicative
	• Demonstrate ability to reflect on the meaning of intelligence for relevant societal issues and problems.
	• Demonstrate ability to interpret results from tests that measure intelligence
	• Demonstrate awareness about critical perspectives on intelligence both as a concept and as a method for measuring cognitive ability
Transversal skills	• Understand and promotes the values and principles of professional deontology in psychological testing and assessment;
	• Understand professional ethics and deontology in scientific research and practice;
	• Manifests a critical attitude in the scientific approach of psychological testing and assessment.
	• Demonstrate ability to identify appropriate types of intelligence tests for various research- and evaluation purposes
	• Demonstrate ability to apply the knowledge above to relevant societal issues and problems

# 7. Objectives of the course (based on the grid of acquired competencies)

7.1 General	The course provides essential knowledge about the concept of intelligence and significance from a broad differential-psychology perspective. Principal features of the second state of the second seco					
objective	present state and more than 150-year history of intelligence research are described, with central terms such as: psychometric intelligence, general intelligence (g), intelligence quotient (IQ), and cognitive ability. Students will become acquainted with the dominating models of psychometric intelligence and will discuss different definitions of intelligence. One main theme is validity and reliability, with respect to associations and causal relations between psychometric intelligence and outcomes, such as educational-and career success, physical and psychological health, and social relations. Another main theme is environmental and genetic factors that affect intelligence, and how they are related to the Flynn effect and its contrast, decreasing IQ in several countries. Critical arguments against both the concept of intelligence and its measurement are also discussed.					
7.2	1. Knowledge and understanding					
Specific objectives	• Discuss the main psychometric instruments assessing intellectual aptitude and psychological functioning.					
	• Discuss the principles of psychometric assessment and the properties of psychometric instruments.					
	• Explore multicultural perceptions of intelligence and related biases in the use of					

psychometric instruments.
• Describe the utility and application of intelligence assessment.
• Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of psychometric instruments in the assessment of cognitive intelligence.
• Discuss ethical implications surrounding theories of intelligence and its assessment.
2. Explanation and interpretation
Learning which methods and techniques are required to investigate the psychometric properties of a cognitive abilities test or questionnaire, when and how these methods and techniques can be applied, and how their results can be interpreted:
• To create the environment for understanding the fundamental vocabulary and logic of intelligence assessment/ cognitive abilities;
• To develop the capacity for critical judgment of the adequacy of measures purported to assess intelligence/ cognitive abilities;
• To stir the appreciation of and an interest in the principles and methods of psychometric theory in general and intelligence/cognitive abilities assessment in particular;
3. Instrumental – applicative
• To develops the basic prerequisites as a future psychologist.
• To evaluate the psychometric properties of assessment instruments.
• To critically assess the clinical application and use of psychometric tests.
4. Attitudinal
To develop a scientist–practitioner attitude towards psychological testing and assessment of cognitive abilities/intelligence.

# 8. Content

8.1 Lecture	Teaching strategies	Remarks
1. Introduction in the main topics addressed by	Lecture, demonstrative example,	
the discipline.	synthesis of knowledge, guided	
	discovery	
2. Adaptation of Psychological Assessment	Lecture, demonstrative example,	
Instruments.	synthesis of knowledge, guided	
	discovery	
3. Assessment of Creativity: Description of the	Lecture, demonstrative example,	
Main Assessment Tools.	synthesis of knowledge, guided	
	discovery	
4. Assessment of Memory: Description of the	Lecture, demonstrative example,	
Main Assessment Tools.	synthesis of knowledge, guided	
	discovery	
5. Assessment of Attention: Description of the	Lecture, demonstrative example,	
Main Assessment Tools.	synthesis of knowledge, guided	
	discovery	

6. Cognitive Abilities: Definition, Classification.	Lecture, demonstrative example, synthesis of knowledge, guided discovery
7. The utility of cognitive predictors in the educational, work, and social domains.	Lecture, demonstrative example, synthesis of knowledge, guided discovery
8. Raven's Progressive Matrices Test: theoretical framework, description, and use.	Lecture, demonstrative example, synthesis of knowledge, guided discovery
9. Cognitive Abilities: Theoretical Approaches to Intelligence.	Lecture, demonstrative example, synthesis of knowledge, guided discovery
10. Wechsler Scales: Theoretical Framework, Description, and Use.	Lecture, demonstrative example, synthesis of knowledge, guided discovery
11. Assessment of Intelligence: WISC-IV.	Lecture, demonstrative example, synthesis of knowledge, guided discovery
12. Assessment of Development and Operational Tests.	Lecture, demonstrative example, synthesis of knowledge, guided discovery
13. Neuropsychological Assessment and Learning Disabilities.	Lecture, demonstrative example, synthesis of knowledge, guided discovery
14. Recapitulation.	Lecture, demonstrative example, synthesis of knowledge, guided discovery

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8.2 Seminar / laboratory	Teaching strategies	Remarks
1. Recapitulation of the main elements of	Presentation, knowledge	
psychometrics.	synthesis, conceptual clarification, group activities, guided discovery,	
2. Adaptation of Psychological Assessment Instruments.	practical activities Presentation, knowledge synthesis, conceptual clarification, group activities, guided discovery, practical activities	
3. Assessment of Creativity (Torrance Test of Creative Thinking).	Presentation, knowledge synthesis, conceptual clarification, group activities, guided discovery, practical activities	
4. Assessment of Memory (MMSE-II/MOCA).	Presentation, knowledge synthesis, conceptual clarification, group activities, guided discovery, practical activities	

5. Assessment of Attention (D2 Test).	Presentation, knowledge
	synthesis, conceptual clarification,
	group activities, guided discovery,
	practical activities
6. Assessment of Cognitive Abilities – The Flynn	Presentation, knowledge
Effect.	synthesis, conceptual clarification,
	group activities, guided discovery,
	practical activities
7. Cognitive Abilities and Their Relationship with	Presentation, knowledge
Personality Traits.	synthesis, conceptual clarification,
	group activities, guided discovery,
	practical activities
8. Raven's Progressive Matrices – Application and	Presentation, knowledge
Scoring	synthesis, conceptual clarification,
	group activities, guided discovery,
	practical activities
9. Measurement Tools for Cognitive Abilities	Presentation, knowledge
Across Different Cultures (Culture-Fair Test)	synthesis, conceptual clarification,
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	group activities, guided discovery,
	practical activities
10. Multiple Intelligences	Presentation, knowledge
	synthesis, conceptual clarification,
	group activities, guided discovery,
	practical activities
11. WISC-IV – Application and Scoring	Presentation, knowledge
	synthesis, conceptual clarification,
	group activities, guided discovery,
	practical activities
12. Early Cognitive Abilities (Developmental	Presentation, knowledge
Scales)	synthesis, conceptual clarification,
	group activities, guided discovery,
	practical activities
13. Neuropsychological Assessment (NEPSY)	Presentation, knowledge
	synthesis, conceptual clarification,
	group activities, guided discovery,
	practical activities
14. Recapitulation.	Presentation, knowledge synthesis,
	conceptual clarification, group
	activities, guided discovery,
	practical activities
	practical activities

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# 9. Correlations between the content of the course and the expectations of the representatives of the epistemic community, professional associations and representative employers in the field related to the program

- The main objective of this course is to facilitate the learning of the fundamental concepts, methods, and principles of psychological measurement. Particular attention will be devoted to reliability and validity issues underlying psychometric theory, and how psychometric theory relates to the assessment of individual differences or human individuality more generally.
- The course provides the necessary prerequisites for the use of psychological tests, as they are described in the documentation of the College of Psychologists of Romania (www.alegericpr.ro).

## 10. Evaluation

Activity type	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Weight in the final grade
10.4 Lecture	The correctness and	Written exam	70%

	completeness of knowledge; The assimilation of the specialized language; logical coherence		
10.5 Seminar /	The capacity to apply the	Research project	30%
laboratory	concepts and theoretical		
	models used in psychological		
	testing and assessment		

10.6 Minimum passing score

- Acquiring the skills for evaluating and critique asses a psychological instrument measuring cognitive abilities for its reliability, validity and biases;
- Acquiring the skills for identifying a range of psychological assessment tools for cognitive abilities
- Understand the validity and reliability of associations and causal relations between psychometric intelligence and outcomes, such as educational- and career success, physical and psychological health, and social relations.
- Understand the environmental and genetic factors that affect intelligence and how they are related to the Flynn effect and its contrast, decreasing IQ in several countries.

#### The final grade consists of:

- a. The score obtained in the written exam.
- b. the score obtained at the research project.

The structure of evaluation will be maintained for multiple rounds of evaluation

Date	Signature of the teacher in charge of the lecture	Signature of the teacher in charge of the seminar
26.02. 2024	Lect. univ. dr. Ionuț-Stelian Florean	Lect. univ. dr. Ionuț-Stelian Florean
Date of approval in the department		Signature of the Head of the department /director
26.02.2024		Prof. Univ. Dr. Anca Dobrean