

**Course Assessment Report
Washtenaw Community College**

Discipline	Course Number	Title
Psychology	200	PSY 200 04/07/2022-Child Psychology
College	Division	Department
Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences	Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences	Behavioral Sciences
Faculty Preparer		Starr Burke
Date of Last Filed Assessment Report		12/11/2017

I. Review previous assessment reports submitted for this course and provide the following information.

1. Was this course previously assessed and if so, when?

Yes 2017

2. Briefly describe the results of previous assessment report(s).

Students met the standard of success for all three outcomes.
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3. Briefly describe the Action Plan/Intended Changes from the previous report(s), when and how changes were implemented.

We did an item analysis of the questions and reviewed those that students had more difficulty with. As a result of the review, we increased emphasis on the content.
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II. Assessment Results per Student Learning Outcome

Outcome 1: Identify the growth patterns and biological, cognitive, and social changes that occur in each stage of development from prenatal to adolescence.

- Assessment Plan
 - Assessment Tool: Multiple choice test
 - Assessment Date: Winter 2020
 - Course section(s)/other population: All sections
 - Number students to be assessed: All students

- How the assessment will be scored: Answer key
- Standard of success to be used for this assessment: 70% of students must score 70% or higher.
- Who will score and analyze the data: Behavioral Science faculty

1. Indicate the Semester(s) and year(s) assessment data were collected for this report.

Fall (indicate years below)	Winter (indicate years below)	SP/SU (indicate years below)
2021		

2. Provide assessment sample size data in the table below.

# of students enrolled	# of students assessed
36	24

3. If the number of students assessed differs from the number of students enrolled, please explain why all enrolled students were not assessed, e.g. absence, withdrawal, or did not complete activity.

This was still considered an optional test and 18 students did not complete it. In the future, we will make it mandatory.

4. Describe how students from all populations (day students on campus, DL, MM, evening, extension center sites, etc.) were included in the assessment based on your selection criteria.

All of the sections taught were included in the assessment. In this semester, both sections were taught face-to-face.

5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

The test was optional and given in the Blackboard site. It was scored with an answer key.

6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: Yes
 Eight of the test questions related to Outcome 1. The average score for these eight questions was 85.94%. In addition, each of the outcome-related questions was correctly answered by at least 70% of the students. The standard of success was met.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

All students correctly answered question #5 which was related to growth in infancy. On three other questions, they scored 80% or higher. With an overall average of 85.94% on outcome #1 related questions, students seem to understand the content in outcome 1.

8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

While students met the standard of success, they had the most difficulty with the questions on the teacher expectancy effect and a chronological understanding of the stages of growth. Only 18 of 24 (75%) of the students could correctly answer these question. Additional emphasis will be placed on teaching these two concepts.

In addition, we recognize that an average score on the outcome-related test questions is not best practice for analyzing assessment data. This course was taught by a part-time faculty member who was able to provide data at this level. Our plan is to embed the assessment questions into the regular Blackboard tests and use the Goals Tool to secure both student-related and question-related assessment data.

Outcome 2: Recognize the key developmental elements associated with infancy, childhood, and adolescence.

- Assessment Plan
 - Assessment Tool: Multiple choice test
 - Assessment Date: Winter 2020
 - Course section(s)/other population: All sections
 - Number students to be assessed: All students
 - How the assessment will be scored: Answer key
 - Standard of success to be used for this assessment: 70% of students must score 70% or higher.
 - Who will score and analyze the data: Behavioral Science faculty
- 1. Indicate the Semester(s) and year(s) assessment data were collected for this report.

Fall (indicate years below)	Winter (indicate years below)	SP/SU (indicate years below)
2021		

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36	24

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This was still considered an optional test and 18 students did not complete it. In the future it we will make it mandatory.

4. Describe how students from all populations (day students on campus, DL, MM, evening, extension center sites, etc.) were included in the assessment based on your selection criteria.

All of the sections taught were included in the assessment. In this semester, both sections were taught face-to-face.

5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

The test was optional and given in the blackboard site. It was scored with an answer key.

6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: Yes

All of the questions relate to Outcome 2. Each outcome-related question was correctly answered by at least 70% of the students. The overall average score on the questions 86%. The standard of success was met for this outcome.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

All students correctly answered question #5 which was related to growth in infancy. On five other questions, they scored an average of 80% or higher. With an overall average of 86.25% on outcome #2 related questions, students seem to understand the content in outcome 2.

8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

While students met the standard of success, they had the most difficulty with the questions on the teacher expectancy effect and a chronological understanding of the stages of growth. Only 18 of 24 (75%) of the students could correctly answer these question. Additional emphasis will be placed on teaching these two concepts.

In addition, we recognize that an average score on the outcome-related test questions is not best practice for analyzing assessment data. This course was taught by a part-time faculty member who was able to provide data at this level. Our plan is to embed the assessment questions into the regular Blackboard tests and use the Goals Tool to secure both student-related and question-related assessment data.

Outcome 3: Differentiate between major theories in child psychology, including those of Freud, Watson, Erikson, Piaget, Vygotsky, and Kohlberg.

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 - Course section(s)/other population: All sections
 - Number students to be assessed: All students
 - How the assessment will be scored: Answer key
 - Standard of success to be used for this assessment: 70% of students must score 70% or higher.
 - Who will score and analyze the data: Behavioral Science faculty

1. Indicate the Semester(s) and year(s) assessment data were collected for this report.

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This was still considered an optional test and 18 students did not complete it. In the future it we will make it mandatory.

4. Describe how students from all populations (day students on campus, DL, MM, evening, extension center sites, etc.) were included in the assessment based on your selection criteria.

All of the sections taught were included in the assessment. In this semester, both sections were taught face-to-face.

5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

The test was optional and given in the blackboard site. It was scored with an answer key.

6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: Yes

Questions 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 relate to outcome 3. The average score was 82% on these questions. For each question, at least 70% of the students answered correctly. The standard of success was met.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

Students scored an average of 91.67% on three of the four outcome #3 related questions. With an overall average of 87.5% on outcome #3 related questions, students seem to understand the content in outcome 3.

8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

While students met the standard of success, they had the most difficulty with the questions on the teacher expectancy effect. Only 18 of 24 (75%) of the students could correctly answer this question. Additional emphasis will be placed on teaching this concept.

In addition, we recognize that an average score on the outcome-related test questions is not best practice for analyzing assessment data. This course was taught by a part-time faculty member who was able to provide data at this level. Our plan is to embed the assessment questions into the regular Blackboard tests and use the Goals Tool to secure both student-related and question-related assessment data.

III. Course Summary and Intended Changes Based on Assessment Results

1. Based on the previous report's Intended Change(s) identified in Section I above, please discuss how effective the changes were in improving student learning.

Students performed better on questions 1 and 7 than on previous assessments. Therefore, the focus on this content has improved student understanding of the concept.

2. Describe your overall impression of how this course is meeting the needs of students. Did the assessment process bring to light anything about student achievement of learning outcomes that surprised you?

My overall impression is that students are performing well. Nothing surprised me. I am delighted.

3. Describe when and how this information, including the action plan, was or will be shared with Departmental Faculty.

This information will be shared with the department at the next department meeting.

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Intended Change(s)

Intended Change	Description of the change	Rationale	Implementation Date
Assessment Tool	Assessment-related questions will be embedded in the common tests for assessment. The Goals Tool will be used to collect and analyze the data on both a student-level and a question-level.	Using a separate assessment test that is not required is not the best practice for course assessment. Students are not required to take the assessment test and, while they can get extra credit for the test, they are	2022

		<p>not penalized if they don't take it. Embedding the assessment questions will ensure that all students answer the assessment-related questions.</p> <p>Furthermore, it is difficult to secure assessment data at the student-level from all faculty who teach the course. Standardizing the assessment questions and data will provide more accurate and meaningful data.</p>	
Course Assignments	Additional emphasis will be placed on the assignments related to questions students did not perform well on.	Focusing more attention on these concepts will improve learning.	2022

5. Is there anything that you would like to mention that was not already captured?

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III. Attached Files

[PSY 200 Assessment Data](#)

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Department Chair: Starr Burke **Date:** 04/08/2022
Dean: Scott Britten **Date:** 04/08/2022
Assessment Committee Chair: Shawn Deron **Date:** 04/28/2022

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Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences	Behavioral Sciences	Starr Burke
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I. Assessment Results per Student Learning Outcome

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1. Indicate the Semester(s) and year(s) assessment data were collected for this report.

Fall (indicate years below)	Winter (indicate years below)	SP/SU (indicate years below)
	2017	

2. Provide assessment sample size data in the table below.

# of students enrolled	# of students assessed
60	46

3. If the number of students assessed differs from the number of students enrolled, please explain why all enrolled students were not assessed, e.g. absence, withdrawal, or did not complete activity.

All students that completed the exam were assessed. The difference is due to withdrawals and absences.

4. Describe how students from all populations (day students on campus, DL, MM, evening, extension center sites, etc.) were included in the assessment based on your selection criteria.

All sections were offered on campus in a face-to-face mode.

5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

Rather than using a multiple choice test, students were given an essay exam asking them to explain the biological, cognitive, and social growth changes during the developmental stage they chose. Essay was scored using a rubric.

In addition, 7 questions on the multiple choice exam related to this outcome. An item analysis was done based on an answer key to determine the percent of students that correctly answered each question.

6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: Yes

Based on the item analysis of the multiple choice questions, over 70% of the students correctly answered each question.

Question 3 90% correct

Question 4 85% correct

Question 5 92% correct

Question 6 93% correct

Question 7 74% correct

Question 9 83% correct

Question 10 80% correct

On the essay exams students also performed well. 83% (38 of 46 students) scored a 4 of 5 or higher which calculates to 80% or 100% respectively. 8 students (17%) scored 60% (3 of 5).

Based on these results, students met the standard of success.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

Most students were able to identify and recognize the biological, cognitive, and social changes that occur in development stages. Students did particularly well on questions 3, 5, and 6 which are related to biological and cognitive development.

Students were asked to pick a stage of development and write an essay explaining the biological, cognitive, and social changes and growth patterns that occur. For the students that met the standard of success, they tended to miss points in the cognitive development area more than the other 2 areas.

8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

On the multiple choice test students missed question 7 more frequently than any other question. This question will be reviewed to determine if the question needs to be modified or if additional focus needs to be put on this content area.

On the essay exam, the students who scored a 3 (60%) seemed to write very well about one topical area but failed to address the others. These students tended to be grouped in one section of the course. We will discuss the situation with all the part-time instructors to make sure the instructions are clear and sufficient time is given for the test. Students who scored a 4 (80%) tended to have more difficulty with the cognitive development topical area.

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All students that completed the exam were assessed. The difference is due to withdrawals and absences.

4. Describe how students from all populations (day students on campus, DL, MM, evening, extension center sites, etc.) were included in the assessment based on your selection criteria.

All sections were offered on campus in a face-to-face mode.

5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

Nine questions on the multiple choice exam related to this outcome. An item analysis was done based on an answer key to determine the percent of students that correctly answered each question.

6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: Yes

Based on the item analysis of the multiple choice questions, over 70% of the students correctly answered each question.

Question 1 74% correct

Question 2 100% correct

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Question 4 85% correct

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Question 6 93% correct

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Based on these results, students met the standard of success.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

Most students were able to identify and recognize the biological, cognitive, and social changes that occur in development stages. Students did particularly well on questions 2, 3, 5, and 6 which are related to biological and cognitive development.

8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

On the multiple choice test students missed questions 1 and 7 more frequently than any other question. The questions will be reviewed to determine if they need to be modified or if additional focus needs to be put on this content area.

Outcome 3: Differentiate between major theories in child psychology, including those of Freud, Watson, Erikson, Piaget, Vygotsky, and Kohlberg.

- Assessment Plan

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All students that completed the exam were assessed. The difference is due to withdrawals and absences.

4. Describe how students from all populations (day students on campus, DL, MM, evening, extension center sites, etc.) were included in the assessment based on your selection criteria.

All sections were offered on campus in a face-to-face mode.

5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

Six questions on the multiple choice exam related to this outcome. An item analysis was done based on an answer key to determine the percent of students that correctly answered each question.

6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this

learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: <u>Yes</u>
Based on the item analysis of the multiple choice questions, over 70% of the students correctly answered each question.
Question 1 74% correct
Question 2 100% correct
Question 4 85% correct
Question 6 93% correct
Question 7 74% correct
Question 8 87% correct
Based on these results, students met the standard of success.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

Most students were able to differentiate between the major theories in child psychology.
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8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

On the multiple choice test students missed questions 1 and 7 more frequently than any other question. The questions will be reviewed to determine if they need to be modified or if additional focus needs to be put on this content area.

II. Course Summary and Action Plans Based on Assessment Results

1. Describe your overall impression of how this course is meeting the needs of students. Did the assessment process bring to light anything about student achievement of learning outcomes that surprised you?

My overall impression is that the course is definitely meeting the needs of the students. I was surprised and delighted that the scores were so high!

- Describe when and how this information, including the action plan, was or will be shared with Departmental Faculty.

Results of the assessment and action plan will be shared at the department meeting.

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Intended Change(s)

Intended Change	Description of the change	Rationale	Implementation Date
Other: Multiple choice exam	Questions that students did not perform well on will be reviewed to determine if the question needs to be revised or the content emphasized.	Continuous improvement of student learning.	2018

- Is there anything that you would like to mention that was not already captured?

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III. Attached Files

[PSY 200 essay test](#)

[PSY 200 MC test](#)

[PSY 200 data](#)

[PSY200 rubric](#)

Faculty/Preparer: Starr Burke **Date:** 10/19/2017

Department Chair: Starr Burke **Date:** 10/19/2017

Dean: Kristin Good **Date:** 10/20/2017

Assessment Committee Chair: Michelle Garey **Date:** 11/28/2017

COURSE ASSESSMENT REPORT

I. Background Information

1. Course assessed:
 Course Discipline Code and Number: PSY 200
 Course Title: Child Psychology
 Division/Department Codes: HSS/Behavioral Science

2. Semester assessment was conducted (check one):

- Fall 2011__
- Winter 20__
- Spring/Summer 20__

3. Assessment tool(s) used: check all that apply.

- Portfolio
- Standardized test
- Other external certification/licensure exam (specify):
- Survey
- Prompt
- Departmental exam
- Capstone experience (specify):
- Other (specify):

4. Have these tools been used before?

- Yes
- No

If yes, have the tools been altered since its last administration? If so, briefly describe changes made.

5. Indicate the number of students assessed and the total number of students enrolled in the course.

37 students assessed: 68 students enrolled.

6. If all students were not assessed, describe how students were selected for the assessment. *(Include your sampling method and rationale.)*

All students who completed the exam were assessed.

II. Results

1. Briefly describe the changes that were implemented in the course as a result of the previous assessment.

N/A

2. List each outcome that was assessed for this report exactly as it is stated on the course master syllabus. *(You can copy and paste these from CurricUNET's WR report.)*

1. Identify the biological, cognitive, and social changes and growth patterns that occur in each stage of development from prenatal to adolescence.

3. For each outcome that was assessed, indicate the standard of success exactly as it is stated on the course master syllabus. *(You can copy and paste these from CurricUNET's WR report.)*

70% of students must meet the learning outcome by scoring 70% or higher on the multiple choice test.

4. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected during the course assessment. Indicate the extent to which students are achieving each of the learning outcomes listed above and state whether the standard of

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success was met for each outcome. *In a separate document, include a summary of the data collected and any rubrics or scoring guides used for the assessment.*

Of the 37 students that took the exam, 82% scored 70% or higher. This meets the standard of success established for this course.

5. Describe the areas of strength and weakness in students' achievement of the learning outcomes shown in the assessment results. *(This should be an interpretation of the assessment results described above and a thoughtful analysis of student performance.)*

Strengths: Item analysis indicates the strongest areas were cognitive and social development.

Weaknesses: Item analysis indicates the weakest area is physical development.

III. Changes influenced by assessment results

1. If weaknesses were found (see above) or students did not meet expectations, describe the action that will be taken to address these weaknesses. *(If students met all expectations, describe your plan for continuous improvement.)*

Share these findings with instructors and advise them to give additional reinforcement to physical development.

2. Identify intended changes that will be instituted based on results of this assessment activity (check all that apply). Please describe changes and give rationale for change.

- a. Outcomes/Assessments on the Master Syllabus

Change/rationale:

- a) Revise student learning outcome #2 to recognize the impacts of the various stages.
- b) Remove outcome #3. It was determined that while it is an important part of the students' grade, creating an abstract is not critical to the understanding of child psychology.

- b. Objectives/Evaluation on the Master Syllabus

Change/rationale:

- c. Course pre-requisites on the Master Syllabus

Change/rationale:

- d. 1st Day Handouts

Change/rationale:

- e. Course assignments

Change/rationale:

- f. Course materials (check all that apply)

- Textbook
- Handouts
- Other:

- g. Instructional methods

Change/rationale:

- h. Individual lessons & activities

Change/rationale: Additional effort will be put into reinforcing concepts on physical development.

3. What is the timeline for implementing these actions?

Immediately!

IV. Future plans

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1. Describe the extent to which the assessment tools used were effective in measuring student achievement of learning outcomes for this course.
Tool was very effective.

2. If the assessment tools were not effective, describe the changes that will be made for future assessments.

3. Which outcomes from the master syllabus have been addressed in this report?

All X Selected _____

If "All", provide the report date for the next full review: _____ Fall 2014.

If "Selected", provide the report date for remaining outcomes: _____.

Submitted by:

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