

Fall 2012 - SLOs

Psychology 101 - Research Methods

SLO #1: Describe and discuss ethical issues as they relate to current research studies.

Assessment instrument: In-class essay - Please read the following article (attached). Then, in one paragraph, describe and discuss one ethical issue.

Measurement: Non-graded for class; three point scale (one point - ethical issue and two points - accurate discussion).

Analysis: passing score of two; 70% pass rate for class

Results: The assessment instrument was administered to 20 students in the Fall 2012 section of Psychology 101 (Research Methods). The scores ranged from 2-3 with a mean of 2.80. The pass rate was 100%. The pass rate for the ethical issue alone was 70%. The pass rate for the discussion alone was 100%.

Interpretation: Students overall were easily able to discuss a psychological concept. Identifying an appropriate ethical issue was much more challenging. More emphasis will be placed on ethical issues in future classes. Additionally, the weighting of the question will be reversed (2 points - ethical issue and one point - accurate discussion).

(Note: Can also be used for Program SLO #2)