

Fall 2012 - SLOs

Psychology 101 - Research Methods

SLO #2: Identify and discuss factors involved in the process of conducting scholarly research.

Assessment instrument: In-class essay - Please read the following article (attached). Then, in one paragraph, identify and discuss possible issues with operational definitions and subjects concerns.

Measurement: Non-graded for class; three point scale (one point - operational definition issue, one point - subjects concern, and one point - accurate discussion)

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

Results: The assessment instrument was administered to 20 students in the Fall 2012 section of Psychology 101 (Research Method). The scores ranged from 2-3 with a mean of 2.85. The pass rate was 100%. The pass rate for operational definitions was 90%, for subjects concerns, it was 95%, and for the discussion, it was 100%.

Interpretation: Overall, students did very well with these concepts and discussion. We will continue to monitor this SLO.