

TESTS AND MEASUREMENTS

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This is a guide to selected test and measurement materials available in the Centennial Science and Engineering Library. For some information on some tests, you may also need to use the other libraries on campus, particularly Zimmerman Library and the Health Sciences Center Library.

Tests are either "published" or "unpublished." Published tests are available commercially and are more widely used, tend to be easier to locate, and may have established norms and standards. Unpublished tests may be difficult to locate and may have unsettled validity and reliability issues. Finding information about a test is usually not difficult, and the following list of reference sources may help. Locating a complete copy of a specific test may be difficult. The section of this guide entitled "Test Collections," offers some suggestions for locating a copy of a specific test.

Reference Handbooks and Manuals

The reference books listed below are helpful in providing background information, summaries, and in some instances, evaluations of testing instruments:

CSEL Ref. BF176 S78 1995

Stuart-Hamilton, Ian. *Dictionary of Psychological Testing, Assessment and Treatment*. Bristol, PA: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 1995.

Includes key terms in statistics, psychological testing, experimental methods and therapeutic treatments.

CSEL Ref BF 176 T4

Test Critiques. Kansas City, MO: Test Corporation of America, 1984-1994, Volumes 1-10.

The tenth volume of *Test Critiques* was published in 1994, with previous years published irregularly. The tests included in each volume are considered by the Editorial Staff to be the most frequently used psychological, educational, and business tests. Test reliability and validity are thoroughly examined.

CSEL Ref. BF 176 T43 1997

Maddox, Taddy. *Tests: A Comprehensive Reference for Assessments in Psychology, Education and Business*. Austin, TX: Pro-Ed, 1997.

This is a guide to testing instruments that are available commercially. Included for each test is a brief description, purpose, testing method, publisher, availability, and cost. Reviews or evaluations are not included. The tests are arranged by broad subject headings listed in the Table of Contents; there is also a "Test Title," "Hearing Impaired," "Physically Impaired," "Visually Impaired," "Foreign Language Availability," "Author," "Publisher/Distributor," and a listing of Out-of-Print tests.

CSEL BF431 D47

Goldman, Bert. *Directory of Unpublished Experimental Mental Measures*. Dubuque, IA: William C. Brown

Publishers, V. 1-1974, V. 2-1978, V. 3-1982, V. 4-1985, V. 5 1990.

This handbook includes tests that are referenced in journals but not available commercially; it does not evaluate the tests. Each entry includes test name, purpose, description, and journal reference.

CSEL Ref BF698.5 B871

Mental Measurements Yearbook (MMY). Lincoln, NE: Buros Institute of Mental Measurements, 1938 to present.

This is the standard handbook used for locating information on testing instruments. It includes a description of the test, references, and availability; it is arranged alphabetically by test title. Published irregularly, the current issue is the thirteenth edition, 1998.

The *Mental Measurements Yearbook* has several indexes to aid in identifying tests: "Index of Titles," "Index of Names," (authorship, review, or reference), "Classified Subject Index," "Score Index" (variable measured), and others. The indexes provide the test entry number; this number corresponds to the numbers at the top of the pages.

If you are trying to locate information on a specific test and you know the date it was first published, begin with the edition of MMY published just after that date and work your way to the current edition. If you are not certain of the date of publication of the test, we suggested that you begin with the current edition of MMY and work your way back through the older editions.

CSEL Ref. BF698.5 B877

Mitchell, James V. Jr. *Tests in Print IV*. Lincoln, NE: Buros Institute of Mental Measurements, 1994.

This index consists of descriptive information and references for tests that are available commercially. No evaluative information is included. The only criterion for inclusion in this index is that the tests are in print and available for purchase or use. Earlier editions: *Tests in Print I* (1961), *Tests in Print II* (1974), and *Tests in Print III* (1983).

CSEL Ref BF722 B87 1994

Impara, James C. *Buros Desk Reference: Psychological Assessment in the Schools*. Lincoln, NB: Buros Institute of Mental Measurements, 1994.

A handbook of tests used most often for school-based psychological assessment. Areas include achievement, behavior, intelligence, perceptual functioning, personality, preschool functioning, and vocational interests.

ZIM Ref. LB3051 H3199 1997

Dillon, Ronna F. *Handbook on Testing*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1997.

ZIM Ref. LB3051 L4543 1997

Lester, Paula E. *Handbook of Tests and Measurement in Education and the Social Sciences*. Lancaster, PA: Technomic Pub. Co., 1997.

ZIM Ref LC4031 B43 1998

Vance, H. Booney. *Psychological Assessment of Children: Best Practices for Schools and Clinical Settings*. New York: Wiley, 1998.

ZIM Ref Desk RC455.2 C4D54 1994

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders: DSM-IV. Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Association, 4th, 1994.

This is a handbook of diagnostic criteria and mental disorders' classification.

Test Collections

ZIM Mfiche LB3051 T44

Tests in Microfiche. Princeton, NJ: Educational Testing Service, 1975 to present.

Located in the Microforms Area in the lower level of Zimmerman Library, this microfiche set contains the complete text of testing instruments in the public domain (unpublished tests). Ask for the annotated subject, author, and title indexes and for assistance at the Periodicals and Microforms Information Desk. These tests can be copied and duplicated as needed.

Commercial Publishers.

If a test is published commercially, you should contact the [publisher](#) to inquire about its availability and cost. Ask at the Reference Desk for assistance in determining if a test is published commercially and in locating the publisher's address and telephone number.

Test Locator <http://ericae.net/testcol.htm>

A joint project of the ERIC Clearinghouse on Assessment and Evaluation at the Catholic University of America, the Library and Reference Services Division of the Educational Testing Service, the Buros Institute of Mental Measurements at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, the Region III Comprehensive Center at George Washington University, and Pro-Ed test publishers. *The Test Locator* consists of a test file (includes a description of the test and information on its availability, but not the test itself), a test review locator, and a test publishers directory.

Locating Journal Articles

Journal indexes can identify journal articles by subject, keyword, or author. The citation for each article listed includes the title of the article, author's name, name of the journal, volume and issue number, page numbers, and date of publication. Many journal indexes include an abstract or summary of the article.

After identifying the journals you want to use, check **LIBROS**, the online catalog, to determine if they are available in the General Library. If the journal you need is listed, verify that we have the volume you need and make a note of the library, location, and call number.

The library subscribes to a number of full-text journals on the Internet. Use the *Full Text Finder* on the UNMGL webpage http://jerome.umn.edu/csel_ej/ to see if we have an Internet subscription to a journal you need.

FirstSearch via UNMGL webpage <http://www.unm.edu/~libinfo/>

FirstSearch offers unlimited searching of over 60 databases. For locating journal articles on tests and testing, begin with the following databases: *PsycINFO*, *ERIC*, and *Medline*.

PsycINFO, 1887 to present, indexes journal articles, books, book chapters, and dissertations in psychology and related fields.

ERIC, 1966 to present, indexes journal articles, books, theses, conference papers, reports, etc. in education and related fields.

Medline, 1965 to present, indexes journals published internationally in all areas of medicine.

Social SciSearch via UNMGL webpage <http://www.unm.edu/~libinfo/>

This index allows keyword searching (using the subject and sources indexes), cited author searches (using the citation index), and author searching (using the source index). The field of coverage in this index is quite extensive. Coverage is 1991 to present.

UnCover via UNMGL webpage <http://www.unm.edu/~zimref/finduncov.html>

This is an index to more than 18,000 periodicals, Fall 1988 to present. Citations can often be found in *UnCover* several months before they can be found in traditional print and computer indexes. You may search by author's name, keywords from periodical titles, article titles, abstracts, and table of contents.

Internet Resources

The Internet can provide electronic access to many resources. A good place to begin is the CSEL Psychology webpage: <http://www.unm.edu/~csel/guides/psych.html> or the UNM Psychology Department's webpage: http://www.unm.edu/~psych/psych_unm.html

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