

In the Name of God
Syllabus for Language Testing
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This syllabus is tentative and subject to change.

A. Objectives of the Course:

The course aims to familiarize students with the functions, forms, kinds, and characteristics of language tests. It also assists them in developing, administering, and scoring their language tests.

B. Course Material:

Farhady, H., Jafarpur, A., & Birjandi, P. (1994). *Testing language skills: From theory to practice*. SAMT Publications.

C. Course Outline:

Session 1: Introduction

Session 2: Functions of language tests

Session 3: Forms of language tests

Session 4: Kinds of language tests

Sessions 5, 6 & 7: Basic statistics in testing

Session 8: Review, Midterm exam

Sessions 9 & 10: Test construction

Session 11: Characteristics of a good test item
Session 12: Testing structure and vocabulary
Session 13: Testing reading comprehension
Sessions 14 & 15: Characteristics of a good test
Session 16: Review

D. Course Requirements:

1. Class attendance and participation
2. Assignments
3. Midterm examination
4. Final examination

E. Evaluation System (allocation of points to requirements):

1. Class attendance and participation (2 points)
2. Assignments (2 points)
3. Midterm examination (4 points)
4. Final examination (12 points)

“Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards.” —

Vernon Sanders Law

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