psy120 - Psychological diagnostics

Module label: Psychological diagnostics
Module code: psy120
Credit points: 9.0 KP
Workload: 270 h
Used in course of study: Master's Programme Neurocognitive Psychology > Master module

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Module counseling
- Stefan Debener

Entry requirements: Enrolment in Master's programme Neurocognitive Psychology.

Skills to be acquired in this module:

Goals of module:
Students will acquire specific knowledge about psychological assessment and will be trained to utilize this knowledge within a research context and in applied settings. With respect to research applications they will learn about traditional and modern test theories and about their usage in the domain of test construction and the systematic design of interviews and observational methods. From the perspective of applied assessment, students will reflect on the assessment process as a whole. They will learn how to analyze cases ("case conceptualization"), how to plan and conduct the information assessment phase, how to record and summarize collected data and how to integrate across the multitude of information in order to draw conclusions about the case given specific diagnostic strategies (status vs. process assessment and norm oriented vs. criterion oriented assessment, including classificatory decisions). Finally, students will learn about the requirements of report generation in written and oral form given a specific applied context. Ethical guidelines and quality norms will be an implicit topic in all courses in the module.

Competencies:
+ Neuropsychological / neurophysiological knowledge
+ interdisciplinary knowledge & thinking
+ ethics / good scientific practice / professional behavior
+ critical & analytical thinking

Module contents:

Part 1: Introduction to Psychological Assessment (lecture)
- Psychological assessment as a decision process – descriptive and prescriptive models
- Theories of reliability (classical and modern approaches)
- Theories of validity (classical and modern approaches)
- Assessment methods, their construction and design, quality criteria
- The logic of decision making in the assessment process
- Psychometrics to single cases
- Summarizing results and writing reports

Part 2: Psychological Testing (seminar)
- Psychometric bases of tests and questionnaires
- Types of tests and questionnaires
- Challenges in psychological testing (for example faking good vs. bad)
- Examples of published tests and questionnaires
- Exercising test applications, scoring and result interpretations

Part 3: Assessment in Clinical Neuropsychology (seminar)
- specific knowledge
- exercises in testing / practising tests

Reader's advisory: Will be specified in the courses.

Links
Language of instruction: English
Duration (semesters): 2 Semester
Module frequency: The module will be offered every winter term.
Module capacity: unlimited
Reference text: If you want to earn the bonus, you need to use the official bonus sheet to prove your attendance which will be handed to you in the beginning of the winter term.
Module level: MM (Mastermodul / Master module)
Moduleart: Pflicht / Mandatory
Lern-/Lehrform / Type of program: Part 1: 1 lecture ; Part 2: 1 seminar; Part 3: 1 seminar
Vorkenntnisse / Previous knowledge:

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Total time of attendance for the module: 84 h