

Assessment--Standardized Testing--1998-2006

Since 1998, the Psychology Department has assessed discipline specific knowledge and skills by administering the Educational Testing Service's Major Field Tests. In the spring semester of each year, the tests have been given to senior psychology majors who are enrolled in History & Systems and the Advanced Laboratory. A total of 154 IUSB students have been tested. The yearly numbers are given in the table below. [In 2005 the task was assigned to a new faculty member and some confusion resulted in only 5 students (of 10 senior psychology majors enrolled) taking the exam. Some caution in interpretation of these 2005 data should be noted therefore (due to both small numbers and possible selectivity). This issue was rectified for 2006.]

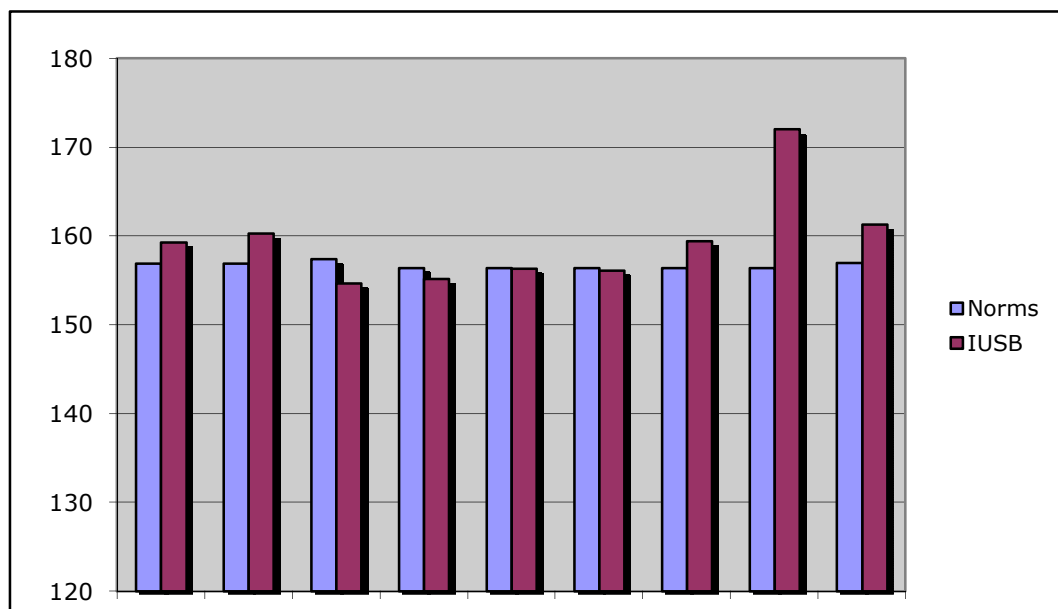
The test provides an overall score for each student, a set of four subscores for each student, and a set of six assessment indicators for each sample (year). Sheet 1 of this report provides a summary of the overall scores, sheet 2 provides a summary of the subscores, and sheet 3 provides a summary of the assessment indicators. On all sheets, the numbers labeled IUSB are means for the IUSB students who took that test. Norms are given to provide comparison.

The norms for 1998 and 1999 are medians based upon scores from the 220 institutions which administered the tests from 1995 to 1998. The tests were revised in 2000 and scores from 2000 and later are not exactly comparable to scores from earlier years. Norms for 2000 are medians based upon scores from the 138 institutions which gave the test in Spring, 2000. Norms for 2001-2005 are medians based on the scores from the 282 institutions which administered the tests from 2000-2003. Norms for 2006 are medians based on the scores from the 209 institutions which administered the test in 2005-2006. Subscores and assessment indicators for 2006 cannot be compared to previous years due to changes in the psychology tests.

Sheet 1

OVERALL SCORES

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Norms	156.9	156.9	157.4	156.4	156.4	156.4	156.4	156.4	157
IUSB	159.3	160.3	154.7	155.2	156.3	156.1	159.4	172.0	161.3
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