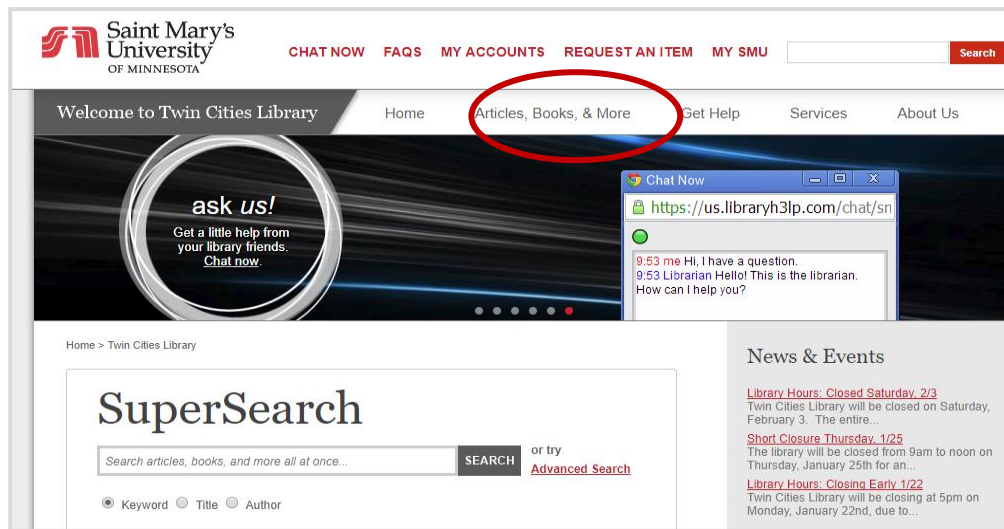


PsycTESTS

PsycTESTS provides access to published and unpublished tests, measures, scales, and surveys, as well as test development, reliability and validity, and administration information. PsycTESTS focuses primarily on unpublished tests developed by researchers but not made commercially available.

Accessing PsycTESTS

1. Go to Twin Cities Library's homepage: www.smumn.edu/tclibrary
2. Mouseover Articles, Books, & More from the top menu.
3. Select Databases.
4. Select PsycTESTS.
5. Log in with your Saint Mary's username and password (off-campus only).



Searching PsycTESTS

PsycTESTS contains sophisticated features related to finding psychological tests. Construct searches using the:

- Purpose
- Source
- Setting
- Author Name
- Test Construct
- Population
- Test Name
- Administration Time
- Institutional Name

Select test-specific limiters in lower half of the Advanced Search screen to specify types of test content.

- Gender
- Test Year
- Fee/Price
- Type of Test
- Age Group
- Accommodations
- Administration Method
- Supporting Documentation
- Commercial Availability

Accessing Test Manuals

Test manuals discuss how tests were developed, standardized, and determined to be reliable and valid. Because many of the tests in this database are unpublished and not commercially available, many will not have test manuals. To limit your search to instruments with manuals:

1. Scroll down to find the Supporting Documentation limiter on the main search screen.
2. Select Instructor/Test Manual/Guide.
3. Enter search terms at the top of the page.
4. Select Search.
5. Select the test's name on the results page.
6. Scroll through the page; near the bottom select the blue link next to Supporting Documentation.

Identifying Unrestricted Tests

Usage permission varies by test; consequently, you must verify that permission is available prior to administration or adaptation. To locate permitted tests:

1. Enter search terms in PsycTESTS.
2. Scroll down to find the Permissions limiter.
3. Select May use for Research/Teaching.
4. Select Search.

Understanding PsycTEST Record Types

If a test does not have an available test manual, you may be able to find out how it was developed and determined to be reliable and valid using PsycTESTS' supplemental record types: test development, test use, test review and test primary data.

Test Development

A test development record indicates that information is available (from a tertiary source) about how the instrument was initially developed, or how an existing test was revised,

adapted, or modified to such an extent that a new version was created. If instrument validity and reliability information is available, it is included here.

Test Use

A test use record contains information (from a tertiary source) about a new use of the test (e.g., a test designed for adolescents is administered by a researcher to adults).

Test Review

A test review record evaluates the psychometric properties (factor structure, validity, reliability, usability) of a test. In layperson language – it links you to an article that reviews the test. Only a small percentage of tests have this option – use the Mental Measurements Yearbook database to find test reviews.

Test Primary Data

A test primary data record indicates that the test is a commercially-available instrument. Publisher and contact information is included.

Access PsycTESTS Record Types

1. Enter search terms in PsycTESTS
2. Scroll down to find Record Type.
3. Select Test Development, Test Use, Test Review, or Test Primary Data.
4. Select Search.
5. Select the test's name on the results page.
6. Scroll through the page; find a link listing the test name followed by the record type in [brackets].
7. Select the link; access the specialized test record type.