

Invitation to the NCME-GSIC *Standards* study group

Dear colleagues,

The NCME Graduate Student Issues committee (GSIC) is pleased to inform our community of graduate students the creation of a study group about the Standards for Educational and Psychological testing (better known as the *Standards*). A new version of the *Standards* is starting its writing process soon, and as Graduate Students we can and need to have a voice in this process. In the study group we will review the chapters of the current version of the *Standards* and initiate a conversation about its strengths and limitations, discussing ideas on how the new version of the *Standards* can improve. We foresee this activity group spending two weeks per chapter, having one week of discussion among Graduate students and one week of discussion with an expert on the topic of the chapter. At the end of this cycle, we plan to start a participative process and write a statement as Graduate Students about the new version of the *Standards*. This statement will have a call as a separate activity, however the ideas shared and constructed during the study group will serve as a resource to the discussions in the statement instance.

The calendar for the study group during the upcoming months is the following:

Session/Chapter studied		Date / Time	Expert invited
Introductions as a group		Tue Oct 12 th – 3 pm EST time	
	Validity	Discussion	Tue Oct 19 th – 3 pm EST time
	Q&A with expert	Friday Nov 5 th – 3 pm EST time	Suzanne Lane
Reliability/Precision and Errors of Measurement	Discussion	Week Nov 1 st – Nov 5 th , TBD	
	Q&A with expert	Week Nov 8 th – Nov 12 th , TBD	To be confirmed
Fairness in Testing	Discussion	Week Nov 15 th – Nov 19 th , TBD	
	Q&A with expert	Week Nov 29 th – Dec 3 rd , TBD	Rebecca Zwick
Test design and Development	Discussion	Week Dec 6 th – Dec 10 th , TBD	
	Q&A with expert	Week Dec 13 th – Dec 17 th , TBD	Alina von Davier



The study group is open for graduate students, professionals with less than 1 year since their graduation, and other professionals on a case-by-case basis. Please fill the following form <https://forms.gle/33pt4QELmWaVcX7d8> or send an email to saraneda@umass.edu if you are interested in participating in this initiative.

At the end of this study group, an informal certificate/letter will be emitted for the ones that showed a good amount of participation in the group, acknowledging their assistance.

Have a good week and motivate yourself to participate in this initiative!

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