

PSY 5002 Scale Construction Assignment

due Jan. 23 at the beginning of class

1. Choose a construct for which there is a) no existing valid scale, b) no up to date scale, or c) no scale assessing the construct in a manner that is of use for your research purposes.

Provide a brief rationale for the construction of this new scale.

Clearly explain whether the construct is multi-faceted or multi-dimensional.

2. Identify the type of scale you are using and justify your choice.
3. Indicate how many items you plan to include. Create at least five sample items for the scales, including question and response items (if relevant).

Do not simply modify the wording of items for an existing scale.

Identify any subscales (in that case, provide at least 2-3 example items per subscale)

4. Identify the type of validity that will be most important for your scale and how you will assess it (e.g., concurrent, discriminant etc.).

This assignment is worth 10% of your final grade.

You will be graded on clarity of description of the construct and need for the scale, appropriate choice of scale, consideration of factors of scale construction discussed in class.