Diversity of Assessment Tools in Psychology

Transcript Analysis:

- -Sequence of courses
- -Breadth of courses
- -Co-curricular activities
- -Path through curriculum

National Associations (ex. APA):

- -Learning goals
- -Guidelines
- -Tests
- -Resources
- -Conferences

Assessment

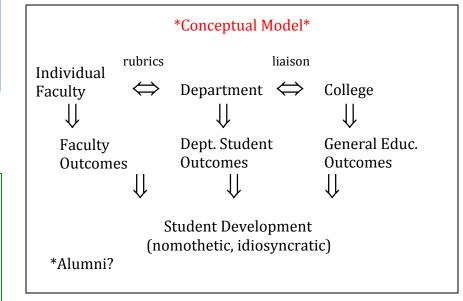
- -Skills versus content knowledge:
 - -Process AND Product!
- -Critical Thinking:
 - -Ability to make an argument
 - -Process that encourages self-reflection
 - -Identification and integration of multiple perspectives

Student Self-Assessment:

- -Confidence in knowledge surveys
- -Series of self-reflective essays
 -(In conjunction with advising)

Direct Assessment:

- -Rubrics for provoking dept. conversations and achieving coherence
- -Standardized tests that are disciplinary or institutionally specific



Contribution of Social Sciences

-Tools are particularly suited to assessment, data collection, and analysis

Common misconceptions:

- -Judgment of faculty
- -Grading and assessment are NOT the same!
 -3 "M's!"

-Disciplines have similar learning goals, which could support collaboration among social sciences