

Watson-Glaser Critical Thinking Appraisal **Policies and Procedures**

The Watson-Glaser Critical Thinking Appraisal is a Psychological Corporation instrument that was designed to test critical thinking in the classroom and the workplace. The skills assessed include Drawing inferences, recognizing assumptions, reasoning by deduction, making logical interpretations, and determining whether arguments are strong or weak. Prior knowledge of a subject is not necessary, and the test does not assess a student's knowledge of humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences; it assesses how well a student processes information, makes judgments, and thinks through consequences and options.

This 30-minute instrument will be given in the three-credit hour senior seminars. For Fall and Spring semesters the test will be administered in the 12th week of the semester. During Intersession and the 4-week Summer Sessions, the exam will be given in the 10th or 11th class session. In the 8-week summer session, the test will be administered the 22nd or 23rd class period. For seminars running over three weekends, the exam should be given on the last hour of the second Friday night session (this will allow OAAT to score the appraisal and provide the scores to the instructor for the following weekend's meeting).

Students should be advised at the beginning of the semester and on the syllabus when the test will be given and that it requires 30 minutes to complete. Instructors may choose to give students credit for completing the exam or may make the examination a course requirement.

Completion of the exam will be a requirement of the senior seminars. *WGCTA* will be administered during a regular class period by the instructor at both on-campus and off-campus locations. If a student misses the class period in which the appraisal is given, professors should follow the same procedures as they would if a student missed a test in that course. Staff in OAAT and CASA will provide information for faculty on administering the exam. The Watson-Glaser is available online and in a traditional paper/pencil version. The fee for the online version is \$25.00. Senior Seminar instructors will determine the delivery mode.

Staff in OAAT/CASA will deliver tests to department offices, and instructors will return completed tests to Ninth Street Hall. A faculty member or staff person must receive the tests. Tests will not be left with student workers. If necessary, tests will be mailed to off-campus instructors who will mail the completed exams back to the Charleston campus.

The Watson-Glaser will be scored via the Optiscan in the Office of Academic Assessment and Testing. Scores will be provided to the instructors within one week following the administration of the exam. Scores will be sent through campus mail.