

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA

## STATISTIC FOR COMPUTING

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## **Sleep Patterns and Cognitive Performance**

## **Step 1:**

## 1. Sleep Dimensions

### Sleep Duration

Optimal sleep duration: 7-9 hours per night

Short sleep duration: Less than 6 hours

Long sleep duration: More than 9 hours

## Sleep Quality

Sleep latency (time taken to fall asleep)

Sleep efficiency (ratio of time asleep to time in bed)

Sleep fragmentation (frequency of awakenings)

## • Sleep Architecture

- REM sleep (rapid eye movement): [Important for emotional regulation, Crucial for procedural and spatial memory consolidation]
- NREM sleep (non-rapid eye movement), including stages 1-4 (with emphasis on slow-wave sleep):
  - ✓ Stage 1: Light sleep, transition between wakefulness and sleep
  - ✓ Stage 2: Onset of sleep, body temperature drops, heart rate slows
  - ✓ Stages 3 and 4: Slow-wave sleep (SWS), deepest sleep, critical for declarative memory consolidation

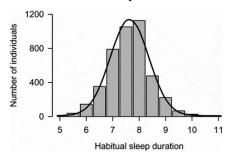


Figure 1: self-rated sleep duration

#### 2. Individual Differences

#### • Circadian Rhythms

o Alignment of sleep patterns with natural circadian rhythms

Chronotypes (morningness vs. eveningness)

#### Age

- Young adults (adolescents and young adults)
- Older adults (aging populations)

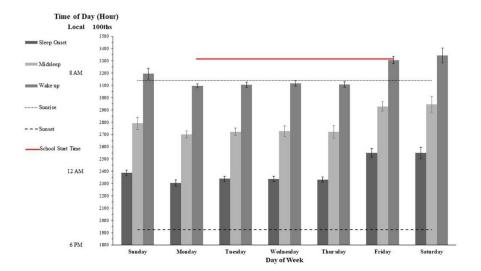


Figure 2: Cognitive control, bedtime patterns

## 3. Sleep Disorders

- Insomnia
- Sleep apnoea
- Restless leg syndrome

## 4. Cognitive Domains Affected

- Attention
- Memory
  - Working memory
  - Long-term memory
    - Declarative memory (facts and knowledge)
    - Procedural memory (skills and tasks)

## • Executive Function

- Decision-making
- Problem-solving
- Emotional regulation

#### **5. External Factors**

#### • Environmental Factors

- Light exposure
- Noise levels

## • Lifestyle Factors

- o Technology use (screen time)
- Stress levels
- Physical activity

## **Relationships and Interactions**

## **Moderating Variables**

## 1. Circadian Rhythms

- o Misalignment (e.g., shift work, jet lag) disrupts cognitive performance-e.
- o Chronotype influences peak cognitive performance times.

## 2. **Age**

- Young adults nee-d more sleep and are more vulnerabl-e to sleep deprivation.
- Older adults experience changes in sleep patterns that contribute to cognitive decline.

## C. Mediating Variables

## 1. Sleep Disorders

- Sleep disorders will negatively impact both sleep quality and cognitive performance.
- o Effective treatment of sleep disorders can improve cognitive outcomes.

#### **D. External Factors**

## 1. Environmental Factors

Better sleep environments like less noise, appropriate light exposure will enhance sleep quality and cognitive performance.

#### 2. Lifestyle Factors

 Healthy lifestyle choices like reduced screen time, regular physical activity will improve sleep quality and cognitive function.

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## **Step 2:**

## **Conceptual Framework**

Impact of Sleep Patterns to the Cognitive Performance of University Students

Independent Variables

Sleep Duration

Dependent Variable

Sleep Quality

Cognitive Performance

Figure 3: Conceptual Framework

## **Proposed Questionnaire**

Sleep Architecture

## **Sleep Duration:**

- ➤ How many hours of sleep do you get on average-e?
- > Getting an optimal amount of sleep each night.
- ➤ Often I sleep less than 6 hours per night.
- ➤ Often I sleep more than 9 hours per night.

## **Sleep Quality:**

- ➤ I usually sleep within 30 minutes after going to bed.
- ➤ I often wake up more than once during the night.
- > I wake up feeling refreshed in the morning.
- > I spend most of my time in bed pretending to be asleep.
- ➤ I frequently being disturbed while sleeping during the night.

## **Sleep Architecture:**

➤ I often have vivid dreams which I'll remember-r in the morning.

>	I believe that I get enough REM slee-p each night.
$\triangleright$	I often experience deep, uninterrupted sleep during the night.
	My body temperatur-e drops and my heart rate slows as I fall asleep.
	I wake up from light sleep by feeling refreshe-d and ready to start my day.