

Workload - Online Psych 1A



“People who think they know everything
are a great annoyance to those of us who do.”

— Isaac Asimov,

Science Fiction Writer



WORKLOAD IN A "NUTSHELL!"

Hello, my name is Dr. J. Davis Mannino - I trust and hope you will enjoy my class!

Welcome to SRJC's new Canvas online learning platform. Over the next couple of years, California will be standardizing and transitioning into use of only one online learning platform. It is called Canvas. My class is one of the first to begin "beta" testing Canvas. So the platform you will learn to use in my class, will soon be the standard for all of California and many other states. So learn it well, you will be using it more and more as you progress through your educational goals. You may learn more about student use of Canvas at SRJC's [Distance Education](http://de.santarosa.edu) [\(http://de.santarosa.edu\)](http://de.santarosa.edu) department.

A. Workload Tasks

Over the duration of this course, there are tasks that must be completed in a timely manner. Grades are determined by successful completion of these tasks. These tasks include:

1. Four (4) major online homework assignments must be completed out of 15 to choose from (1500 to 3000 or more words). Total points possible - 400. Exceptional submissions may receive more points.
2. Four (4) exams (100 points each) must be completed out of five provided. Lowest grade will be dropped for students who take all five. Total points possible - 400. The 5th exam is provided as there are NO make-up exams other than the 5th exam. Students who miss two exams fail the course.
3. Sixteen (16) assignments from the assigned workbook **The PsychAide** must be completed out of hundreds to choose from. Total points possible - 150. A 250 word (double spaced typed page) reaction paper is needed for each. A reaction paper, much like an essay, is comprised of your reactions, thoughts, and learning received from having completed a particular assigned reading, exercise, or activity. Many of the activities you will perform in this class require a "reaction paper" type response. So be sure you understand how to write one and complete them correctly.

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4. Fifteen (15) "Thought-Provoking Questions" (TPQ) and/or Articles must be read and a thorough reaction response posted on the "Discussion Board" to promote lively discussion. Each TPQ is worth 10 points. Total points possible - 150.

B. Other Course Considerations

1. **Extra Credit** - Extra credit assignments opportunities are offered so students may receive additional course points. For example, the "Check-In Discussion Board Post" is worth 5 points.
2. **Attendance** - Attendance is based on promptness of submission of homework assignments and message board submissions online, cooperative nature of student, and evidence of polite and civil tone in any and all email traffic between student and professor. Plus or minus points are given students in the grade adjustment category when needed to achieve a higher grade or simply pass the course.
3. **Conduct** - Please be sure to review the important *Santa Rosa Junior College Student Rules and Regulations* link provided below.
4. **Grades** - Total course points needed for an A=995, B=885, C=775, D=665. Less than 665 is an F.
5. All of the above are discussed in much more detail at [Course Basics](#) (<https://santarosajc.instructure.com/courses/15662/pages/course-basics-online-psych-1a-summer-2016>) (when open). The "Course Basics" link is part of the overall course [Syllabus](#) (<https://santarosajc.instructure.com/courses/15380/assignments/syllabus>) located in the left navigational sidebar at the course "Front Page." Also know as the "Homepage."
6. The following [Rights and Responsibilities](#) [\(http://www.santarosa.edu/for_students/rules-regulations/\)](http://www.santarosa.edu/for_students/rules-regulations/) link contains various important topics --- such as *student conduct and discipline* --- that all students must know and understand fully.
7. Go to the [Course Website](#) (<https://santarosajc.instructure.com/courses/15662>) (when it opens) for additional details.
8. You may wish to learn more about [Dr. J. Davis Mannino](#) [\(http://profiles.santarosa.edu/j-davis-mannino\)](http://profiles.santarosa.edu/j-davis-mannino) at his college faculty website.

Again, Welcome and Good Luck!

Dr. J. Davis Mannino

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