

**Psychology**  
2017-2018  
Mr. Casazza

Topics that will be covered:

1. Introduction to Psychology
2. Learning and the Cognitive Process
3. Life Span Development
4. Personality Theory
5. Abnormal Psychology
6. Therapy and Change
7. Social Psychology

How the class will work:

The class will consist of lectures, demonstrations, projects, presentations, discussions, homework and tests. The grade break down will be as follows:

Homework 10%, Tests 50%, Individual Projects 20%, Group Projects 10%, Class Participation 10%.

Participation and Behavior

Participation points will be accumulated on a weekly basis. These points will be added to the grade at the end of each week. Points will be earned for paying attention, following along with classroom instruction and volunteering. Points will be subtracted for disruptive behavior including: being off task, socializing, doing work for other classes and use an electronic device.

Tests

The tests in this class will consist of multiple choice and short answer, essay and graphing questions. Scantrons will be used so be sure to bring a number two pencil on test days. If for some reason you are absent for a test or quiz you will need to make it up on the specified make-up day or arrange for a time with the teacher. If for any reason your absence is unexcused in the Rio Americano attendance system you will receive a "0" on the exam. The make-up exams will be short answer/essay format.

Homework

Late work will be accepted but will decrease in value by 50% each day after the date it is due.

Missing/Late Work and Tests

Missing and late tests and work will be allowed to be made up until the end of the interim grading period or for one week past the grading period if the assignment or test is missed within a week of the grading period. Once this time has passed the assignment or test will be assigned a zero in the grade book and cannot be made up.

Tardy Policy

The Rio Americano Tardy Policy will be strictly enforced. There is no reason for you to be late to my class. You need to be in the classroom, in your seat, to be considered in class, on time. Your citizenship grade will be lowered for every three times you are tardy. After you are tardy three times, disciplinary actions will be taken.

#### Breach of integrity

There will be a zero tolerance policy in my class when it comes to cheating. If you are caught cheating a zero will be given on the assignment, your citizenship grade will be lowered and an Integrity report might be filed.

#### Dress Code

If I feel like you are wearing inappropriate attire to my class, I will ask you to fix the problem. If it becomes a habitual problem you will be referred to the proper administrator. It is my opinion that high school is a place that prepared you for a career so you should dress to fit the role.

#### Technology

I encourage the use of technology but find hand held games, music players and cell phones to be distractions in the classroom. No phones will be allowed in class unless given permission by the teacher.

#### Grades

90%-100%	A
80%-89%	B
70%-79%	C
60%-69%	D
59% or less	F

#### Miscellaneous

All Rio Americano and San Juan Unified School District rules apply in my classroom. If you have any questions please refer to your manual.

#### Office Hours

I will be in my room at 7:15am and 1:45-3:00 on most days. I will be available at lunch and after school by appointment only, feel free to come and talk with me about setting up an appointment. I can be reached day and night at [ccasazza@sanjuan.edu](mailto:ccasazza@sanjuan.edu), feel free to email me.

#### Other Resources

My entire class is available online. Please look at my schology page:

[sanjuan.schoology.com](http://sanjuan.schoology.com)

Notes: