

COM 302 Persuasion *Welcome Message!*

Dear students,

Welcome to COM302 Persuasion! We have four weeks to dive into the world of persuasion, so let's get started.

First, some information about myself. I am an Associate Professor and the Director of the IMC Graduate Program in School of Communication and the Arts at Marist College. My research revolves around the uses and effects of emerging communication technologies. My work has been published in various peer-reviewed journals and books. At Marist College, I teach various courses, including *Applied Research & Analytics*, *Capping*, *Persuasion*, and *Social Media Strategy & Tactics*.

The required textbook for this course is: Gass, R.H. & Seiter, J.S. (2014). *Persuasion, Social Influence, and Compliance Gaining* (5th Ed). Pearson Education. ISBN-13: 978-0205912964. (**4th edition is also acceptable** ISBN-13: 978-0205698189). The primary method to contact with me is to email me at wenjing.xie@marist.edu. Please read the syllabus as it contains important information about this course. You can find it on Brightspace, under "Syllabus".

Starting from this week, I will post weekly announcement on Brightspace each Monday morning. My announcements will include your reading assignment, weekly tasks, deadlines, other resources, etc. Please read them carefully.

Please feel free to email me if you have any question. I look forward to virtually spending the following four weeks with you!

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