

To: MPA 507 Students

Greetings and welcome to *MPA 507: Information Technology in the Public Sector* for the Summer 2009. The course begins on Monday, May 18, 2009 and ends on Monday, June 29, 2009. I will open the course sometime on Saturday the 16th to give you extra time to prepare. It is in your best interest to login and get a feel for the course before Monday.

The online program moves at an accelerated pace. Since this summer online course is six weeks long, and we have to cover the same material as the traditional 15-week course, it is essential that we start working seriously on the subject matter on the class's start date. The luxury of taking the first two weeks to get used to a class or of falling behind and catching up later is simply not available for this type of course. Therefore, you must be prepared and ready to go from day one.

When you sign on to the course, begin by reviewing the syllabus in the iLearn Syllabus Tool. The goals for the course, along with the reading and assignment schedule will be provided there.

The text is available through the Marist Library online through [Ebrary](http://site.ebrary.com/online.library.marist.edu/lib/marist) (there are limitations on printing pages) <http://site.ebrary.com/online.library.marist.edu/lib/marist>

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I look forward to meeting you during the week of May 18.

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