Welcome to CMPT 103 Section 721 Winter 2025

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I would like to welcome you to Technology for the 21st Century, CMPT 103L721. Please read everything written: my notes for each topic, read the resources provided, weblinks, discussion forums, emails, and more... it will make this class much more beneficial.   My contact information is email: rita.longo@marist.edu; cell: 845-705-7810 (very important messages only) email is preferred method of communication.

This course will incorporate numerous online Resources. We will rely heavily on the Brightspace platform to communicate, post assignments, discussions, and more. Please familiarize yourself with logging on to Brightspace if you have not already. The Syllabus has an Addendum C, a timeline of course material, (subject to change) and an Addendum A that states hardware and software criteria. Marist's Help Desk https://www.marist.edu/helpdesk can be a great asset if this is your first online course. I recommend setting aside time every day to check in or do some work, especially since some of our assignments will involve conversing and responding to fellow students.

Once you Login to Brightspace and select this course, you will see that the course will be divided into "Topics." I will post a new "topic" according to the timeline set up. Our first topic is meant to get everyone used to Brightspace tools as well as a course introduction. There will be a new assignment with most of our topics, so it is very important to schedule plenty of time throughout every half-week to cover material and assignments. There is a lot of ground to cover over four weeks, and it will be very easy to fall behind if you let any days go by. You will be provided a syllabus via email, on December 13th prior to the first day of the course.

There is no required textbook for this course. Regular class topics will include what I hope are interesting and varied topics providing for discussions. There are reading assignments with a writing requirement including Technology Current and Emerging Events (TCE).   Assignments will include both individual assignments as well as one collaborative project.

When you read the description of this course in the Syllabus, you will see that this is a technology-based course with research, discussions, and hands-on projects. I believe that most of you have a good idea of how to communicate on the Internet, but if you have any issues, email me or if you are on campus, see the IT Helpdesk, in Donnelly.

My background is varied starting with getting my BS in Education, Army Reserve duty that turned into Active Duty over an extended period. I also received my AS in Communication & Media Arts, and an I have a MS in Instructional Technology. I was a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) and received a ton of training in network infrastructure. I turned my interest to teaching network systems at Daniel Webster College, Nashua, NH. I had the opportunity to teach here at Marist many years ago, fell in love with the campus and the view of the river, and what more can I say? This year is my 19th year teaching at Marist.

Feel free to send me an email at rita.longo@marist.com. Please introduce yourself, and let me know a little bit about you. Also, please tell me if you are in a different time zone from Marist, which one? Also tell me if there are issues that I should know. I will be available anytime by email. If you need a personal appointment, at a different time or day, we can set up FaceTime, Zoom, or other video conference. Just email me for an appointment.

This is an accelerated 4-week online course. We are going to be busy, and it will pass quickly. I wish you all success in this endeavor.

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