MAXIMIZING YOUR INFLUENCE AND PERSUASION

Observe, learn, and practice proven research-based influence techniques to drive change among diverse stakeholders and get things done without relying on formal authority.

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Being effective at influencing diverse stakeholders is a critical component of being an effective leader.

You influence others when you drive change, present your ideas to your superiors or peers, negotiate a deal, or sell your products or services. In many situations, the reach of your formal authority — your job rank and title — is limited. The reach of formal authority is becoming even more limited in contemporary organizations, which are flatter, more cross-functional, and increasingly populated by generations who are less receptive to formal titles.

This course will allow you to achieve leadership development in a way that is more effective, less expensive, and automatically leads to organizational improvement. And, because it is in an online format, you can easily make it available to your team or organization so that they, too, can be more effective leaders.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
- Leaders at all levels and functions
- Employees in customer-facing, boundary-spanning, and cross-functional roles
- People seeking a unique, sustainable leadership development experience
- Teams seeking extraordinary results due to enhanced influence

WHAT SETS THIS PROGRAM APART
- Watch, learn, practice, and receive feedback on over 30 evidence-based influence techniques with a unique online simulation.
- Flexible content delivery allows you to complete the course at your pace and schedule.
- High-quality learning from your peers through group discussions.
- Take-away course influence toolkit to develop effective influence habits.

KEY BENEFITS
- Become a more effective leader within your organization
- Exert influence in situations when you do not have formal authority
- Acquire concrete skills to maximize your influence with superiors and peers, as well as customers and external partners
- Learn how to protect yourself from the unwanted influence of others

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THE PROGRAM STRUCTURE

This four-week online course features a proprietary simulation developed by renowned Ross faculty, Professor Maxim Sytch. This simulation is designed to give you a robust and highly personalized learning experience. The program also allows you time to reflect on and apply influence techniques.

WEEK 1  VALIDATION, PROCESS AND FRAMING

• Learn how to establish authority and validate your ideas, as well as structure discussion and decision procedures to maximize influence.
• Understand how to effectively frame your arguments and how to counter unwanted influence.

WEEK 2  ARGUMENT AND DELIVERY, RELATING TO YOUR AUDIENCE

• Learn how to deliver persuasive and memorable arguments, relate to your audience, and leverage non-verbal influence techniques.
• Practice applying influence skills in situational challenges.

WEEK 3  BUILD AND LEVERAGE RELATIONSHIPS FOR SUSTAINED INFLUENCE

• Learn how to build and leverage relationships for sustained influence and navigate stakeholder power in driving initiatives.
• Navigate the challenges of influence and building relationships in face-to-face and remote (digitally mediated) scenarios.

WEEK 4  DEVELOP EFFECTIVE INFLUENCE HABITS

• Learn from the best practices of leaders and develop skills to practice ethical influence.
• Develop lasting influence habits.

TIME COMMITMENT

Duration: 4 weeks
Weekly Coursework: 4–6 hours/week

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Professor Sytch is an Associate Professor and a Michael R. and Mary Kay Hallman Fellow in the Management and Organizations Department at Michigan Ross. Selected as one of the “40 Best Business Professors Under 40 in the World” by Poets & Quants, Professor Sytch is an expert on leadership, strategy, and organizational issues.

Professor Sytch’s recent research focuses on how leaders get things done by leveraging networks and influence within and across organizational boundaries. His work has been published in leading practitioner and academic outlets, including Harvard Business Review, California Management Review, Sloan Management Review, Wall Street Journal, Administrative Science Quarterly, Academy of Management Journal, and Organization Science. His research has won the Best Paper award from the Academy of Management and was covered by Reuters, Inc.com, Huffington Post, Xinhua, and HKIHRM. Professor Sytch serves as the Associate Editor of the Administrative Science Quarterly, a flagship journal for organizational research.

Professor Sytch won the Ross Executive Education Teaching Impact Award for open enrollment programs and advises and speaks to corporations worldwide. Examples of his recent engagements include Amazon, BASF, Bank of America, Bank Mandiri, Bosch, KPMG, Morgan Stanley, National Football League, National Intelligence Community, Oracle, Schneider Electric, Toyota, and Unum. Professor Sytch holds a PhD from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, where he was also a lecturer within the Management and Organizations Department. 

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EXECUTIVE PACKAGE
$2,000 US

- Tuition covers access to the course content, simulation, and related activities.
- Professional Package pricing is $1,200. Upon completion of the course (including simulation), you will receive an assessment that evaluates your scores in influence and persuasion. You can also compare yourself with other members in your cohort.
- Upgrade to Executive Package for $800. In addition to the self-assessment detailed in the Professional Package pricing, experience personalized feedback from Professor Maxim Sytch to review your individual influence and persuasion assessment scores. You will also have a one-hour live coaching session with Professor Sytch to better understand the meaning behind your scores and to answer any questions that you have around influence and persuasion.
- Program registration closes five business days prior to the program start date. The fee must be paid in full in US dollars (net of any tax) before access to the course platform can be granted.
- See our website for our Cancellation, Transfer & Substitution Policy

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