

Distance Learning Changes ~ Fall Semester 2010 ~

Web and hybrid courses for Fall Semester 2010, will be available for students to access on August 16, 2010, by 5:00 p.m.

What do I need to do to begin my web or hybrid course?

Students taking a web or hybrid course will be required to complete a Blackboard scavenger hunt assignment during the first week of the semester. This will replace the previous online proficiency requirement. Instructions for the mandatory assignment can be located in the student's web or hybrid Blackboard course. Students must complete the assignment once the course becomes available. Each student must type his or her responses to the questions in the Microsoft Word scavenger hunt assignment, save the assignment to the computer or flash drive, and then submit a copy to the instructor via the assignment link. This is a requirement for every web or hybrid course a student takes each semester. **There will be no exemptions or exceptions to this!** Students will be dropped from any web or hybrid course if the instructor does not receive the mandatory scavenger hunt assignment by the 10% point of Fall Semester which is August 25, 2010.



What if I would like to have face-to-face Blackboard training?

There will be three optional face-to-face Blackboard training sessions that students can attend in addition to completing the required assignment. This session is highly recommended for any student who is taking a web or hybrid course for the first time here at Sampson Community College. The sessions will be held in the Technology Building, Room 207, on a first-come first-served basis. The following dates and times are scheduled below:

Monday, August 16, 2010 -- 9-10 a.m.

Thursday, August 19, 2010 -- 12-1 p.m.

Wednesday, August 25, 2010 – 4-5 p.m.

If you are unable to attend the above times, please contact Benita Hayes, Distant Learning Assistant to schedule an appointment before August 25, 2010 at (910) 592 8081, extension 2031 or bbhelpdesk@sampsoncc.edu.

What are the necessary technology requirements to use Blackboard?

To be successful in your Blackboard courses, you must have the following:

- Regular access to a computer with a minimum 56K modem connection
- Internet connection through an Internet Service Provider (ISP) - High-speed connectivity is recommended
- A compatible Internet browser such as Internet Explorer (6.0 or higher) or Firefox (3.6 or higher). AOL's browser is not compatible with Blackboard.
- Access to Microsoft Word which is required for all Internet courses offered by the College.

Note: Think ahead by securing a backup computer to do your coursework in case something happens to yours at home. For example, ensure you have access to a school's computer lab, library, and family or friend's computer. Turning in assignments on time is very important in a web or hybrid course.

What do I use to log in to my Blackboard and my SCC student Gmail accounts?

All SCC students will be required to communicate with their instructors from their student Gmail account issued through the College. Students will use the same username and password convention to initially log in to Blackboard and Gmail. In the event the SCC website is unavailable, students should bookmark the Blackboard and SCC Gmail log in page on their PC so they can both be accessed if the SCC website is down.

LOGIN INFORMATION

- ***Username:*** First letter of first name + first letter of middle name + last name + last 3 digits of student ID (SID) number. (Your SID number is your 7-digit student identification number that starts with a zero, which can be located on your registration form or your student ID card).
- ***Password:*** Six digit date of birth (MMDDYY).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Do not use capital letters for the username; use lower-case letters only. * If your last name is hyphenated do not include the hyphen in your last name. Do not include any spaces in your username. When you log into Blackboard or SCC Gmail for the first time this semester, please take a few moments to change your password. Your privacy is important to us at Sampson Community College and changing your password ensures that you and only you have access to your Blackboard and Gmail accounts. Make sure you create a password that no one else can easily figure out. It is very important that you remember your new password.

Official entry in a web course is determined by completion of the scavenger hunt assignment on or before August 25, 2010. If you do not complete this requirement by August 25, 2010 (10% point of the semester), you will be dropped from the web course.