Preparing Your Computer for Blackboard Learning System

Your browser must be configured correctly for Blackboard to work properly. Please follow these steps to prepare Internet Explorer 7 for Windows to run Blackboard. For a list of other supported browsers as well as more information on browser requirements, go to http://www.webct.com/tuneup.

OVERVIEW

1. Check the browser.
2. Accept the Java security certificate.
3. Enable pop-ups.

DETAILED STEPS

1. Check the browser.
   a. Go to the Log In page for Blackboard (http://lms.samford.edu).
   b. Click Check Browser:
c. Carefully read the Browser Check Results:

![Browser Check Results]

d. Note any areas that do not pass the browser check and make the recommended changes.
e. Close the Browser Check Results window.

2. Accept the Java security certificate.

a. Log in to Blackboard by typing your user name and password and clicking OK.
b. When the Java security certificate appears, make sure **Always trust content from this publisher** is checked, then click Run:
3. Enable pop-up windows.
   a. On the Tools menu, click Pop-up Blocker→Pop-up Blocker Settings:
   b. Type lms.samford.edu and click Add. Then click Close:

4. Adjust Security settings
   a. On the Tools menu, click Internet Options.
   b. Click on the Security tab, then Trusted Sites, then Sites:
c. In the **Trusted Sites** window, uncheck **Require server verification (https:) for all sites in this zone**. Next, under **Add this web site to the zone**, enter **http://lms.samford.edu**. Then click **add**, then **Close**.

![Trusted Sites window](image)

**Need more help?**

- For additional assistance updating your browser or Java, please contact the User Services Help Desk at 726-2662.
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