Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in Southern Arkansas University Tech! This newsletter contains valuable information that will ensure your success as a student taking online courses. Read this newsletter carefully and follow the directions provided.

Your course(s) will be delivered via Brightspace. If you have trouble accessing your course(s), contact the Center for Online Learning: 870-574-4453

**Browser Check**

You must perform a check on your browser and browser settings to ensure that your browser will function properly while taking online courses. Go to [https://sautech.brightspace.com/](https://sautech.brightspace.com/) and click the link to perform a System Check. You will need to perform a check on each browser you will use.

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**Important Dates**

**Fall 2017 2nd Eight Week Classes**

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Failure to begin work and post your Student Bio on the Discussions Board in EACH of your course(s) by the above deadline will result in you being dropped from your courses.

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**To access your course(s)**

1. Enter the URL: [https://sautech.brightspace.com/](https://sautech.brightspace.com/)
2. Enter your Username: last name (first letter capitalized)+first letter of first name (capitalized)+last four digits of student ID
3. Enter your Password: Saut+last four digits of your Social Security Number (ex SSN 123-45-4499 is Saut4499)
4. Click Log In

After completing steps 1-4, you will be viewing your personal “Brightspace” area. We recommend that you bookmark the URL for easy access when you return to your course(s). There will be a link for all the courses that you are registered in. Click the course you would like to enter and you are set to go!

**Navigating Your Brightspace Course**

Video tutorials can be found on YouTube:

- Setting up your profile: (Southern Arkansas University Tech has selected profile items that may be completed.) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAvjBuH3 UE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAvjBuH3 UE)
- Navigating your Brightspace course: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIA5C9nKXTA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIA5C9nKXTA)
- Viewing Content: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11b4Pmz7Smo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11b4Pmz7Smo)
- Completing a quiz/exam: (Go to Assessments in your Nav bar, click Quizzes) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBZ3nZIM6IY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBZ3nZIM6IY)
- Submitting Assignments: (Go to Assessments in your Nav bar, click Dropbox) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLDwkymspYI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLDwkymspYI)
- Discussions: (Your first assignment will be to post your student bio on the Discussions board.) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R17MA4xHxwA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R17MA4xHxwA)
- Classlist: Email, Pager [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLQ2artEtlo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLQ2artEtlo)
- Grades or My Grades: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pOEXxGntCC](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pOEXxGntCC)

Additional tutorials can be found here: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLSxTdOzKAFOCZjXav1aCRQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLSxTdOzKAFOCZjXav1aCRQ)