

## INTRODUCTION

Blackboard can be accessed through any computer (PC or Mac) that has Internet access. We generally suggest using Internet Explorer version 5.5 and higher or Netscape version 6.2 and higher when using Blackboard. For more information on hardware/software requirements see Blackboard's Reference Center at: <http://behind.blackboard.com/b3/guest/>

## LOGIN

1. Using an internet browser (i.e. Internet Explorer or Netscape) go to <http://blackboard.neu.edu>.

2. Click the **Login** button on the main Blackboard splash page (located under the Blackboard logo).



3. Enter your username and password and click the **Login** button. Typically your username will be in the following format: first initial.last name (i.e. John Smith's username would be j.smith).



4. You will be taken to your personal Blackboard home page.

## HELPFUL HINTS:

Blackboard does not always function properly in AOL's browser. If you use AOL to connect to the internet, you may want to follow these steps to avoid compatibility issues between AOL and Blackboard.

1. Log on to the internet as you normally would through AOL.
2. Minimize the AOL window, but do not close out of it completely.
3. Open either Internet Explorer or Netscape (one of these 2 browsers usually comes installed on most computers), and go to <http://blackboard.neu.edu>.
4. Follow the instructions to the left to login and access your Blackboard courses.