Students and instructors will be utilizing Blackboard 9.1 for all distance learning courses as well as traditional courses that are using Blackboard to provide course supplements.

All distance learning students (excluding those students that successfully completed the Distance Learning Blackboard Online Student Orientation during past semesters) must complete the Distance Learning Blackboard Online Student Orientation. In this orientation, students will be introduced to the different Blackboard components, learn how to submit assignments, view grades, use the discussion board, send emails, and learn other elements that may assist them in completing their online course successfully.

Visit www2.jsums.edu/studenttraining/schedule.cfm to register for the orientation. Use your JNumber and NetID password to login to Blackboard. The orientation is conducted completely online. Orientation for the Summer I Session will begin May 19, 2013 and end on June 09, 2013. Orientation for the Summer II session will begin June 23, 2013 and end on July 14, 2013.

Faculty please encourage and monitor student participation in the Orientation to ensure that they are learning the skills necessary to successfully use, navigate, and complete online course content.

Visit the Distance Learning Web Site at www.jsums.edu/distanceed or NetID setup information, access to the Blackboard Course Management System, Distance Learning information, and more.