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## Blackboard

Welcome to the Francis Marion University's Blackboard support site! Blackboard is FMU's course management tool used by instructors and students.

You may access FMU's main Blackboard page by using the URL: <http://blackboard.fmarion.edu>. \*Please note that not all instructors utilize Blackboard and have their courses setup within it.

Through the collaboration of the User Services Division of Information Technology Staff and FMU's Faculty, this site has been built to better serve our user needs. With our support, you will find "How To" guides, "How To" videos, Frequently Asked Questions, and known issues. We will be actively updating this site with any announcements or new questions and issues that may arise.

[Blackboard manual for faculty](#)

[Blackboard manual for students](#)

### Trouble connecting to Blackboard? Check these things first

1. Can you successfully connect to your Swampfox email account? Your Swampfox email account is your official email address for all FMU notifications.

Your email address is composed of your first initial, your full last name, and the last four (4) digits of your FMU Student ID number without and punctuation marks or spaces. For example, a student named Jane Smith-Jones with ID number 000098765 would have username [jsmithjones8765@fmarion.edu](mailto:jsmithjones8765@fmarion.edu). Jane's email address would be [jsmithjones8765@g.fmarion.edu](mailto:jsmithjones8765@g.fmarion.edu)

The initial password for Swampfox email accounts is composed of the word fmarion and the month and day of birth. Using our example of Jane Smith-Jones, if Jane's birthday is May 9, then her initial Swampfox email password is fmarion0509. The leading zeros are important and there are always four digits.

**If you can connect to your Swampfox email, jump ahead to part 2, otherwise, perform the following steps to connect to Swampfox email for the first time:**

- a. Point your web browser to <http://mail.g.fmarion.edu>
- b. Click the **Sign In** link in the upper right corner. The Swampfox Sign in screen is displayed and looks similar to this:

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