

## **Getting Started in English 264 Online**

Welcome to this course in Mercer's summer online program. I am happy to have you as part of my class. Follow the steps on this page to get under way.

Login to the Blackboard site for our course to see what resources and tools are available. (Since you are reading these instructions, you should already be this far.)

Click the link to go to the ENG264 Online web site. Most of the information and resources available for the course will be here, rather than on Blackboard. (I have much more experience with web design than with Blackboard, and I much prefer the interface and appearance of my web site.) You can also go to the web site directly at: http://faculty.mercer.edu/glance\_jc/english\_264\_online

Read the introductory remarks on the Home page, and then explore the Assignments and Resources pages. You can download the syllabus from the site; note the course procedures and reading assignments on the syllabus.

Download and listen to the first Podcast, which will help to orient you to the course. You can find it on the course web site by clicking on the Podcasts link. You have an individual blog set up for you on our course Blackboard site. In your blog you will discuss the readings; you will also read and comment on your classmates' blogs. I have already put some information about me and the course in my blog. For your first entry I would like you to introduce yourself to the class: who are you, why are you taking this online course, and what your expectations and anxieties are for the class. Please add a photo, too! No one outside the course can see your blog.

If you have not already done so, get the textbook for our course: *The Longman Anthology of British Literature*, Volume B, 2nd Compact Edition (ISBN 0321202392). This textbook is available from online vendors online (inexpensive used copies are available, among other places, at Amazon.com). Begin the first reading assignment.

Come to the first online chat session and introduce yourself. Now you are part of the class!