

Accessibility Checklist for Online Courses

Use this checklist to review your course content for compliance with [WCAG 2.1 AA standards](#), as required by the ADA. While following these guidelines does not guarantee that your course will meet every individual student's accessibility needs, it will significantly reduce the likelihood of last-minute changes once a student with a disability enrolls. (Note: This does not cover all requirements of WCAG 2.1 AA, only those most relevant to online course content.)

- ☐ Course uses consistent structure and navigation
- ☐ Names of modules, folders, assignments, etc. are descriptive
- ☐ Images have alt text
- ☐ Pre-recorded videos are captioned
- ☐ Real time captions available for live video
- ☐ Videos have audio descriptions if needed
- ☐ Audio-only files have transcripts
- ☐ Instructions and information do not rely on color
- ☐ Descriptive links are used
- ☐ Color contrast between text and background is at least 4.5:1
- ☐ Color contrast between non-text elements is at least 3:1
- ☐ Avoid images of text (except for logos)
- ☐ All documents (Word, pdf, Powerpoint, etc.) have been reviewed for accessibility
- ☐ Third party content (web sites, online videos, publisher content, etc.) has been reviewed for accessibility

For more details and instructions on how to meet these criteria, visit the [Creating Accessible Courses](#) website or reach out to Beth Case, beth.case@louisville.edu.