New ADA Regulations – What Faculty Need to Know



What's Happening?

The U.S. Department of Justice has issued new regulations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II. These rules strengthen requirements for accessibility in higher education, particularly for digital and online content. The goal is to ensure that all students, including those with disabilities, can access course materials, websites, and instructional technologies.

At the University of Louisville, all digital and online content must comply with <u>Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 AA</u> by April 24, 2026. The Delphi Center offers training, resources, and consultations to help faculty prepare and ensure compliance.

What This Means for Faculty

- All course materials, regardless of whether a student with a disability is enrolled, must be accessible.
- Faculty are also responsible for ensuring that third-party content (such as websites, YouTube videos, and publisher resources) is accessible before assigning or linking it.

Get Support

To learn more about making your courses accessible and access trainings and resources, visit the <u>Creating Accessible Courses</u> website. For one-on-one consultations, complete the <u>Consultation Request Form</u> and we will be happy to meet with you.