

WEB ACCESSIBILITY AT A GLANCE

What:

DOJ: Public universities must comply with ADA web accessibility guidelines

When:

Enforcement begins
April 26, 2027

Why:

Violating accessibility rules can lead to litigation & bad publicity - and providing web content that everyone can use is the right thing to do.

Who:

Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering faculty & staff

Where:

On all official UF websites (including college, faculty & lab websites)

How:

Read below for web accessibility resources

FOUR WAYS TO TAKE ACTION NOW

1. Starting with your current semester's courses, make sure the **course syllabi** you upload to college websites are **accessible MS Word documents**
2. Ensure any new videos you produce have **both captions and audio descriptions of what's happening on screen**
3. **Evaluate websites for timeliness and relevance as well as accessibility.** Non-accessible web content can be retained as archives under certain conditions, but it might be easier/better to take it down.
4. Update your **faculty or lab website** content to **follow accessibility tips**: add image alt text and meaningful link text, make content scannable and readable by screen readers, improve color contrast, and more.

ACCESSIBLE WEB CONTENT HELPS EVERYONE ACCESSIBLE CONTENT ISN'T JUST FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

ACCESSIBLE DOCUMENTS

Offer a better user experience on a variety of devices, and text can be copied and pasted

STYLED HEADINGS, BULLETED LISTS AND SIMPLE LANGUAGE

Support easier scanning and better information retention

VIDEO CAPTIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS

Allow watching in noisy or sound-prohibitive environments

IMAGE ALT TEXT

Provide image descriptions while loading on slow mobile networks

MEANINGFUL LINK TEXT

Let visitors know what they'll get when they tap or click (Protip: never use "click here" as link text)

WEB ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES

- Overview of [ADA and Title II at UF](#)
- [Overview of the DOJ rule and steps institutional faculty & staff should take](#)
- [UF Web Services accessibility recommendations and resources](#) - drill down with actionable tips for improving accessibility now.
- [Create and verify PDF accessibility](#) (Adobe)
- [Make your Microsoft Word documents \(e.g. syllabi\) accessible](#)