

Guidelines for Accessible Blackboard Courses

In addition to your documents and media being ADA compliant, your Blackboard course also needs to be compliant. Most of the same general principles apply.

- Include SCCC's accessibility statement in your course outline.
- Use standard fonts that are 12 points in size or larger.
- Make sure there is a 4.5 to 1 contrast ratio between the text color and background. This is especially important when creating custom buttons for the course menu.
- Do not use color to convey meaning.
- Include alt text for all images and graphics.
- Always include a header row if using tables to organize content. Test out the table with a screen reader to make sure that the screen reader reads the content in the correct order.
- Use learning modules instead of content folders. Learning modules reduce the need to scroll. Content folders require a user to scroll down the page in order to access all the material.
- Make sure that all your documents, videos, and linked content is ADA compliant.
- Provide both Word and PDF versions of documents.
- Remove any unused buttons or tools.