



UDL, Accessibility, & Ally Resources

Tools and resources for removing barriers to learning and providing all students equal opportunities to succeed

Quick Tips to Improve the Accessibility of your Course Content

1. Use Video Captions
 - Resource Link: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/3029103?hl=en>
 - Search YouTube for captioned videos:
 1. Type <https://youtu.be/nexrkv9YLwQ> in “Accessibility” in www.youtube.com and click the search icon
 2. Click the Filter icon and then click on Subtitles/CC
 3. Click the Filter icon and then click on Subtitles/CC
 4. Verify captions
2. Quick Styles, formatting, and built-in accessibility checkers
 - Resource Link: https://support.office.com/en-us/article/make-your-word-documents-accessible-to-people-with-disabilities-d9bf3683-87ac-47ea-b91a-78dcacb3c66d#bkmk_winbuiltinheadings
 - For more information on how to add and use the Styles feature, you can watch this short video: <https://youtu.be/6D3x5k7IHCw>
3. Use accessible colors and imagery
 - Resource Link: <https://webaim.org/techniques/images/#color>, and Contrast Checker: <https://webaim.org/resources/contrastchecker>
 - Be aware of the [fonts you use](#), [Penn State’s recommendations](#)
4. Add Alternate Text to all Images
 - Resource Link: <https://webaim.org/techniques/alttext/>
 - [Blackboard’s site for adding alternate text using Ally](#)
5. Use Built-in Accessibility Checkers in Microsoft Office & Adobe
 - Resource Link: <https://support.office.com/en-us/article/improve-accessibility-with-the-accessibility-checker-a16f6de0-2f39-4a2b-8bd8-5ad801426c7f> and <https://support.office.com/en-us/article/improve-accessibility-with-the-accessibility-checker-a16f6de0-2f39-4a2b-8bd8-5ad801426c7f>
 - [Microsoft Office Suite \(Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook](#)
 - [Adobe](#)



More Resources

- **Microsoft Accessible Templates for Download**
<https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=851258>
- **Microsoft list of accessible PPT templates:**
<https://templates.office.com/en-us/accessible-powerpoint-template-sampler-tm16401472?ui=en-US&rs=en-US&ad=US>
- **20 Tips for Teaching an Accessible Online Course**
<https://www.washington.edu/doit/20-tips-teaching-accessible-online-course>
- **Video on the framework and UDL structure (03:44)**
<https://youtu.be/wVTm8vQRvNc>
- **Color Contrast Checker**
<https://accessible-colors.com/>
- **WebAIM Contrast Checker**
<https://webaim.org/resources/contrastchecker/>
- **A11y - 11 Quick Tips to Improve Course Content Accessibility**
<https://community.blackboard.com/docs/DOC-5896-a11y-11-quick-tips-to-improve-course-content-accessibility>
- **Accessibility Features in Blackboard Learn with the Original Experience**
https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Administrator/SaaS/User_Interface_Options/Original_Experience/Accessibility/Accessibility_Features