

Accessibility Checklist for Course Sites

- Maintain consistency in the layout of your course site.
- Divide larger blocks of information into smaller more manageable sections.
- Use at least 12 point font (Font Size 3 in Blackboard).
- Limit the use of font variations such as **bold**, *italics*, and ALL CAPITAL LETTERS.
- Ensure sufficient color contrast between the text and the background, especially in the course menu.
- Don't use the appearance of the font (color, shape, font variation, placement, etc.) as the only way to convey meaning.
- Use real text rather than text within graphics. Avoid blinking or moving text and the colors red and green.
- Give all headings (the titles in items, announcements, discussion boards, etc.) meaningful names.
- Include Alt Text for all non-decorative visuals, such as graphs or diagrams, and format them in an appropriate size.
- Minimize scrolling by not overcrowding page with too many visuals or too much text.
- Provide descriptive hyperlinks using meaningful link text that describes destination; avoid using "click here" or posting the entire URL as text.
- Include captions or transcripts for audio and video content.
- Ensure that all uploaded materials, such as Word, PDF, PowerPoint, and Excel files, are accessible.
- Check any publisher-provided content for accessibility.