

Intro to Accessibility at WSU

Documentation

- x Accessibility webpage:
<https://www.wichita.edu/services/mrc/access/Access/access.php>
- x WSU/NFB Agreement:
<https://www.wichita.edu/services/mrc/access/documents/wichitanfb-agreement-redacted.pdf>
- x Relevant policies include 3.47, 8.10, and 8.11
- x Report an accessibility problem:
https://www.wichita.edu/services/mrc/access/Access/Report_an_Accessibility_Problem.php

Things to remember

- x All campuses across the country are facing accessibility challenges.
- x WSU is in a special position because of the nature of the agreement with the NFB.
- x The WSU/NFB agreement is not the only one of its kind.
- x Accessibility is not the same as accommodation.
 - o Accessibility is proactive and benefits populations.
 - o Accommodations are reactive and benefit individuals with specified needs.
- x All federal money coming from the Department of Education is subject to Section 504 requirements and is overseen by the Office of Civil Rights (OCR).
- x Disability harassment is serious, and it is WSU's responsibility to respond.
 - o Harassment includes advising a person to take a different class or pursue a different major on the basis of a disability (real or perceived) and creating accessible materials
- x Focus on moving forward in an accessible way.
- x Using Microsoft products supplied by the university ensures you have the appropriate tools and support you need.
- x Digital documents and face-to-face delivery need to be accessible.
- x Consider accessibility when choosing textbooks.

University support for accessibility

- x Classroom text size guides
- x Blackboard Ally
- x IDA labs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3:00, GSpace in the library
- x AAA office to assist with high impact accommodations
- x Friendly audits for online and hybrid classes
- x Optional accessibility certification process coming soon. Contact IDA@Wichita.edu
- x Student focused accessibility training for students created, in class content