

Document Accessibility Checklist

Please use this checklist to ensure your documents are accessible before uploading them to WebCampus.

Headings

- Headings are created using the application's built in Headings tool.
- Headings begin with H1 and work their way down to H6 if needed.
- Headings follow a logical order and do not exceed six levels.
 - [Using Headings in Google Docs](#)
 - [Using Headings in Microsoft](#)

Images

- Images have alternative text (alt-text).
- Alt-text conveys the same information as the image itself. Any meaning you want to convey with the image should be descriptive and be put as the alt-text.
- Images can be enlarged to 200% without pixelating.
- Images are added in-line and do not have wrapped text in Word and Google Docs.

Image Specific

- Images that contain words use the image text as the alt-text.
- Diagrams (If they are the sole course of information) Provide alt-text that conveys the same information as the diagram
- Diagrams (If they are a visual representation of information already explained in-text) use "Diagram as described in text" for the alt-text.
- Images of tables are not permitted. Please convert any table images into actual text-based tables, as providing sufficient alt-text for table images is not feasible.
- For decorative images, you can either set the alt-text to "Decorative" or, if available, simply check the "decorative" option.

Math and Science Equations

- Images of equations are converted using an equation editor in the LMS or with a 3rd party tool.
 - [Edit alt-text in Google Docs](#)
 - [Edit alt-text in Microsoft](#)

Color Use

- Color is not used as the only means of representation.
- There is sufficient contrast between the background and text.
- Colors should be limited to 2–3 complementary colors.
- Consideration has been given to the cultural meanings and common associations of colors.

Tables

- Tables have column and/or row headers
- All tables are formatted as tables and not images.
- Tables are used for data only, never for layout.
- Tables avoid using merged and/or blank cells.
 - [Tables in Google Docs](#)
 - [Tables in Microsoft](#)

Links

- Links have descriptive titles that inform the user where the link goes (e.g. title of article, title of webpage, title of video).
- Links do not use ambiguous titles such as “Click Here,” “Learn more,” or “more information.”
- Links are visibly distinct and identifiable as a link.
- Non-webpage links are identified as such (e.g. link to word document or PDF).
 - [Links in Google Docs](#)
 - [Links in Microsoft](#)
 - [Links in Adobe Acrobat](#)

Lists

- Lists are formatted using the list tool found in the application's toolbar menu.
- Instructional content is not reliant on list formatting; however, headings are used to organize major sections.
- Correct list type is used:
 - Orders (Number or Alphabetical) for information that is chronological or hierarchical.
 - Unordered (Bullets) for information with no ranking or order attached.

Formatting and Layout

- PDF documents have been processed so that the text can be selected, searched, and read correctly.
- They are not just scanned images, and everything is tagged and in the right order for easy reading.
- Underlined text is not used for emphasis as it can be mistaken for a link. (Use bold and italics instead).
- Spelling and Grammar have been checked.
- Documents are consistent in style.
- The text is aligned to the left, leaving the right edge uneven. Full justification, where both sides are aligned, is not used.
- Common easy to read fonts are used (No Cursive or overcomplicated fonts).
- A minimum of 11pt Calibri and 12pt Times New Roman equivalent font size is used.
- Line spacing between lines is at least 1.15.

PowerPoints/Slides

- Slides have been created using an accessible template.
- Slides have descriptive titles.
- Slide titles are unique.
- A minimum of 24pt font size is used
- Reading order has been checked and adjusted for each slide
- Images contain alt-text.
 - [Accessibility with PowerPoint](#)

Accessibility Checker

- Accessibility Checkers have been run and all issues, errors and warnings have been addressed

For additional information on accessibility, please visit the university's [accessibility resources webpage](#).
