
[SCU-Staff-Essential] Action Required: Campus-Wide Web Accessibility Compliance by May 2026

Rafael Espinosa <respinosa@scu.edu>

Tue, Mar 17, 2026 at 10:45 AM

Reply-To: respinosa@scu.edu

To: SCU-Faculty-Essential <scu-faculty-essential@scu.edu>, SCU-Staff-Essential <scu-staff-essential@scu.edu>, SCU-Ugrad-Essential <scu-ugrad-essential@scu.edu>, SCU-Grad-Essential <scu-grad-essential@scu.edu>

Dear Faculty, Staff and Students,

To meet new federal requirements and in furtherance of our ongoing commitment to accessibility, **all Santa Clara University digital content and platforms must conform to the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\) 2.1 AA standards](#) by May 11, 2026**. This is a critical initiative that applies to *everyone* while creating and managing digital materials at the University.

Digital accessibility reflects the University's commitment to caring for the whole person. We strive to create an environment where every employee and visitor can fully participate in University life. Together, we can ensure our digital space is inclusive and welcoming to everyone, regardless of ability.

What does this mean for you?

The digital content you create and manage will need to meet WCAG 2.1 AA by May 11, 2026. This applies to everyone, as most campus units manage and create at least one of the following:

- **Websites and emails:** All official public-facing and internal pages, including HTML emails.
- **Software and web applications:** Both SCU-built tools and vendor products integrated into our digital ecosystem (e.g. Camino, Clara, WorkDay).
- **Instructional content:** Course materials shared with students, including documents, videos, and other learning resources distributed through Camino, Google Drive, or other platforms.
- **Video and audio content:** This includes providing captions, transcripts, and audio descriptions where appropriate.
- **Electronic documents:** PDFs, Word, PowerPoint, and Google Drive files shared broadly with the campus community or public, including course materials shared with students on Camino, in Google Drives, or otherwise.

All content intended for access by the campus community or the general public must be made accessible.

How can I prepare?

This is a significant undertaking, and you are not expected to figure it out alone. We have procured new accessibility tools and are offering support opportunities:

- **Instructional materials.** Academic Technology, the Center for Teaching Excellence, Faculty Development, and the Office for Accessible Education are offering ongoing workshops and providing consulting and remediation support to all instructors.

Learn more on the Faculty [Instructional Resources website](#).

- **Campus website.** University Marketing and Communication, Academic Technology and the Office for Accessible Education are offering workshops, training, new tools, drop-in sessions, consulting and remediation support to all faculty, staff, and students.

Learn more on the [Web Accessibility Compliance](#) website.

- **Video content.** Academic Technology has resources to help ensure video content is accessible.

Still need help?

If your question is not addressed in the resources above, please reach out to one of the groups below:

- For support with instructional materials, contact Instructional Technology (caminosupport@scu.edu)
- For support with video captions, contact Media Services (mediaservices@scu.edu)
- For support with website/T4, submit a [Zendesk web support request](#).

Thank you for your help in making Santa Clara's digital content accessible!

Rafael, Shá and Lawrence



Santa Clara
UNIVERSITY

Rafael Espinosa (he/him/his)
Chief Information Officer
500 el Camino Real
T 408-554-2332
respinosa@scu.edu
Office of Information Services



Santa Clara
UNIVERSITY

Shá Duncan Smith
Vice President, Inclusive Excellence
500 El Camino Real
phone | 408-554-5131
email | tssmith@scu.edu



Santa Clara
UNIVERSITY

Lawrence Lokman: VP, University Marketing & Communications

500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053
phone | 408-554-4982
email | llokman@scu.edu

--
The SCU-Staff-Essential list shares key university information with staff members. Posting is restricted to authorized users.