
[SCU-Staff-Essential] Reminder: Campus-Wide Web Accessibility Deadline Approaching (May 11)

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Dear faculty, staff, and students,

We are following up on our message regarding Santa Clara University's campus-wide digital accessibility effort and the requirement to meet the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\) 2.1 AA standards](#) by May 11, 2026.

Thank you to the many members of our community who have begun this work. While much progress has been made, there is more to do, and staff support and tools are available to help you make required updates.

Accessibility Progress on Santa Clara's Website

Our campus has made tremendous progress toward improving [website accessibility compliance](#). The following results reflect a strong, collective effort and meaningful progress toward our shared goal.

- **39,485 pages** are being actively monitored on [scu.edu](#)
- Since November 2025, we've **reduced identified accessibility issues by 96.5%**

Importantly, **much of the remaining work involves improving the accessibility of PDFs**. In many cases, the most effective approach is to use the available University tools to update the original source document (Word, Google Docs, PowerPoint, Adobe InDesign) and then export an accessible PDF.

We have a range of tools and support available, including automated remediation options and advanced assistance for complex documents. Find [PDF accessibility tools information](#) and learn more about how to get support.

Accessibility Progress on Instructional Content

Work is also underway to support remediation of instructional materials, documents, and other digital content. Progress is being made — Spring courses are 20% more accessible than they were last year, with 69% of courses reaching 80% or higher accessibility according to the UDOIT tool in Camino. However there is still much work to do.

- Support teams are actively working with faculty to improve accessibility in course materials and Camino. See our [faculty instructional resources](#)

- Academic Technology's [Accessibility Workshops](#) and implementation hours are being offered every week
- [FAQ document](#) is being updated with questions, tips, and tricks. This is evolving as new tools are identified and developed
- Digital Accessibility Grad Students Assistants are available to work with faculty and remediate content in Camino. Please fill out this [form to request assistance](#).

What does this mean for you?

The digital content you create and manage must 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. With the May 11 deadline approaching, we encourage you to:

- Review the digital content you manage
- Prioritize updates to high-visibility or frequently used materials
- Take advantage of the support resources available

This is a shared, campus-wide effort. You are not expected to do this work alone.

Need help? Start here

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](#) or contact contact Instructional Technology at caminosupport@scu.edu
- **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. For support with website/T4, submit a [Zendesk web support request](#).

- **Video content.** For support with video captions, contact Media Services at mediaservices@scu.edu

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

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