

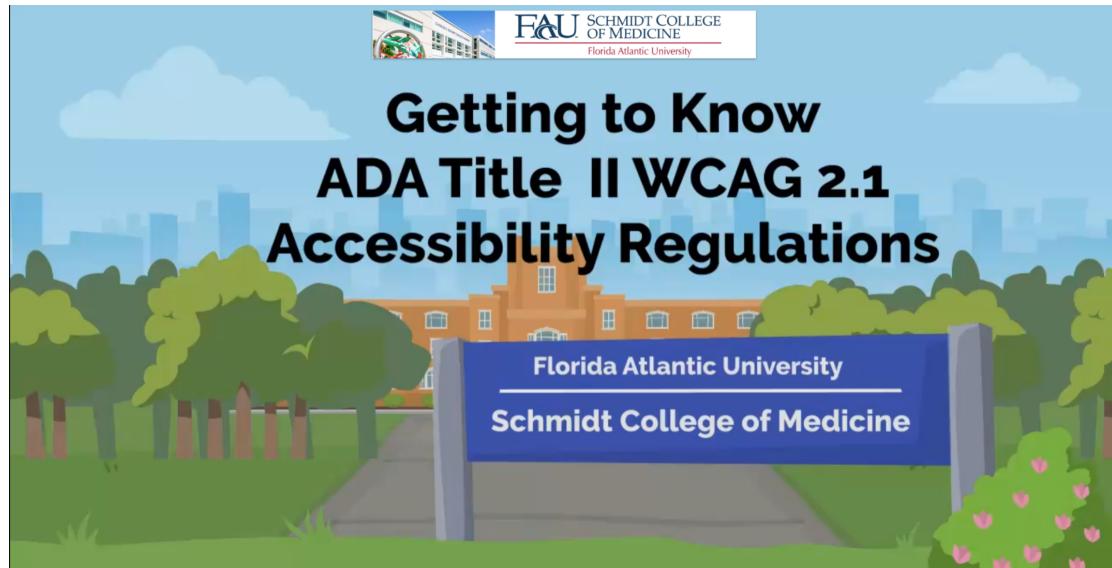


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## Accessibility: ADA WCAG 2.1 Ed Tech Resources

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### ADA WCAG2.1 Accessibility: Where to Start for Faculty



#### Why Accessibility Matters:

Accessibility ensures all students, including those with disabilities, can fully engage with your course content. It's not just a best practice—it's now a legal requirement under the updated Title II of the ADA. Starting in 2026, all course materials must be fully accessible from day one, even if no accommodation request is made.

#### Compliance Timeline

Requirement	Deadline
All new course materials must be accessible	<b>Before semester start</b>
All existing content must be updated	<b>By April 24, 2026</b>
Mobile apps and third-party content	<b>By April 24, 2026</b>
Ongoing updates	<b>As part of course refresh or when flagged</b>

FAU is required to comply with the updated ADA Title II rule by **April 24, 2026**.

#### What Needs to Be Accessible?

- All student-facing content in Canvas, OwlMed, New Innovations, Websites, Shared Folders, etc.
- Examples include:
  - PDFs, Word docs, and PowerPoint slides
  - Videos (must be captioned) (the COM uses Mediasite)

- Images (must include alt text)
- Mobile apps used in instruction
- Third-party content linked or embedded in courses

## **Where to Start:**

**Step 1: Decide if you'd like to fix or re-build your document using a pre-vetted template.**

- Re-building a PowerPoint? Use an ADA Compliant [COM Template here](#).

**Step 2: Run through the [Ed Tech Checklist](#) to manually fix PowerPoint titles, font sizes, and general best practices.**

## COM Ed Tech Recommended ADA Checklist

\*Indicates Accessibility Checker Assisted Task

### Step 3: Run the appropriate Accessibility Checker for your document type:

<b>1. Slide Structure</b> • Use Cognitive Load Strategies • Clear Slide Titles (NO ALL CAPS) • Clear Slide Sections • Minimal Content • <b>Easiest- Microsoft File type</b> (PowerPoint, Word, Excel, etc.) --> use the <a href="#">Microsoft Accessibility Checker</a>	<b>2. Text Style</b> • Font Size • Body = Minimum 24pt of simple font • Headings = Minimum 32 pt font • Font Style • Simple font choices • Examples- Arial, Calibri, Avenir,	<b>3. Graphics*</b> • Add Alternative Text to graphics. • Do your best to describe the image's context or mark image as decorative. • <b>Check Animations:</b> • Do not use flashing or blinking animations.
<b>4. Color &amp; Contrast*</b> • Color Contrast • Ensure colors have proper contrast  • <b>Most Arduous- Adobe PDF</b> (use <a href="#">Adobe's Accessibility Checker</a> ) • Color as Communication • avoid using color alone as an indicator of • <b>Check for color contrasts</b>	<b>5. Reading Order*</b> • Complete with Accessibility Checker • Maps of the information on a slide from first step to final step  • <b>Check for reading order</b> • "Read this first," "Read this second," "Read this third"	<b>6. "Publish" Version</b> • Save file as FILEName.rev.myyy • Example: ADA_Handbook.rev.5.2025  • Communicate with Curricular Leadership

### Step 4: Ensure that the files are accessible before sharing with students:

- **UME/GME:** Course Directors/Program Directors will confirm Accessibility for all materials in their domain prior to uploading to students.

#### Resources

[FAU Student Accessibility Services](#)  
[Office365 Accessibility Checker Video](#)  
[COM PowerPoint Templates](#)

- **BMS/Graduate Programs:** Faculty will upload files to their Canvas course. Faculty should check and remediate their Accessibility percentage using Ally. Course Accessibility percentages are not viewable by students, but are reported to College Leadership in order to track compliance.

## Where is the PowerPoint checklist I should follow?

- <https://comsupport.fau.edu/kb/articles/888-ada-powerpoint-checklists-ed-tech-resource>

## Where can I watch a recording of the COM Ed Tech Team's ADA Training Session?

- <https://fau.mediasite.com/Mediasite/Play/e18e1e22d09145b58c93bc9826d0f08b1d>

## Attachments

- [COM Ed Tech Recommended ADA Checklist.docx \(105.01 KB\)](#)
- [Updating Your PowerPoint to a More Accessible Template.docx \(44.56 KB\)](#)