Intro to Accessibility at WSU

# Documentation

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

# Things to remember

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

# University support for accessibility

* Classroom text-size guides
* Blackboard Ally
* IDA labs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00, C-Space in the library
* AAA office to assist with high-impact accommodations
* Friendly audits for online and hybrid classes
* Optional accessibility certification process coming soon. Contact [IDA@Wichita.edu](mailto:IDA@Wichita.edu)
* Student-focused accessibility training for student-created, in-class content