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
- Student-focused accessibility training for student-created, in-class content