

COVID-19: Accessibility Support and Resources for Instructors

Accessibility: A Shared Institutional Responsibility

As an instructor of an online class, you play a critical role in ensuring that your class is ADA Accessible. In an effort to support this expectation, ADA formatting help is available now for faculty in response to the transition to online instruction resulting from COVID-19.

An SCC Accessibility Team was formed in June through collaboration between Academic Affairs and Student Services in a dedicated effort to comply with the [legal requirements of Section 508](#) in the wake of COVID-19 and the resulting impact to our instructional delivery modalities. The team looks forward to supporting your individual needs as we work together to adhere to [Section 508 standards outlined by the CCC](#).

The focus of the team is to support you in the review and conversion of your instructional materials, specifically Microsoft Word and PDF documents, to ensure accessibility. The team will help you in this conversion and will give you tips, tricks, and suggestions for maintaining accessible formatting. Additionally, the team can refer you to services such as closed-captioning or alternate media support, when appropriate. Please follow the [Accessibility Support Request Form](#) link below to request the support of the Accessibility Team for your **Online**, **Remote Live**, or **Remote Blended** courses.

[Accessibility Support Request Form](#)

Approved Accommodations: Support provided by DSPS

Disabled Students Program and Services (DSPS) recognizes that the transition to online instruction in the wake of COVID-19 has created both opportunities and challenges for students with disabilities, as well as for instructors. DSPS is committed to supporting instructors by providing consultation on accessibility and related issues for students with approved accommodations.

Since Governor Newsom's executive orders on 3/19/20, the DSPS team has seamlessly provided support through remote modalities. We are committed to the systemwide guidance issued by CCCCO in April 2020: [Resources and Responsibilities for Supporting Students with Disabilities during COVID-19](#). Please contact us if we may be of assistance to you in your ongoing effort to ensure accessibility and the mandated provision of approved accommodations.

In Summary

Accessibility is our shared responsibility. No single campus department or individual has all of the resources, expertise, or authority to fully address every type of accessibility issue that may arise. Thus, collaboration and communication are both essential.

We are ready to assist you! In light of ongoing COVID-19 response measures, the DSPS office can be reach remotely Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (*Closed daily from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.*)

To reach DSPS:

1. Call us at 714-628-4860
2. Send an email to dsps@sccollege.edu
3. Connect to our Zoom lobby: [CLICK HERE](#)

Additional Resources

- [SCC Distance Education](#)
- [SCC Instructional Design Center](#)
- [3C Media](#)
- [CCC Accessibility Center](#)
- [SCC DSPS](#)
- [DSPS Faculty and Staff Resources](#)
- [DHH Considerations during COVID-19](#)
- [Office of Civil Rights Webinar on Online Education and Website Accessibility \(March 2020\)](#)
- [Legal requirements of Section 508](#)
- [Section 508 standards outlined by the CCC](#)