



Digital Accessibility Resources

Extended list of resources to assist Oakland University in making digital content accessible for students.

Web Accessibility: Definitions, Rationale

- [To Care and Comply \(PCC video\)](#)
- [Legal Landscape Update: 2017 in Review](#)
- [W3C on Cognitive Disabilities](#)

Program-based Accessibility Tools

Conversion Tools

- [SensusAccess](#) converts files into a variety of more accessible formats such as Word docs, plain text, and even audio files. You upload a file, select how you would like the file to be converted, and the converted version will be emailed to you. Free, and no account required.

Microsoft Office Suite

- [MS Office Accessible Templates](#) - Library of Word, PowerPoint, and Excel templates that meet accessibility standards.

PDF

- [Online OCR](#) - Quickly converts PDFs to plain text and Microsoft Word. It works well for a free tool, but may have errors based on clarity of text. Converts 15 pages every hour, and those who create a free account can scan 50 pages.

Images, Alt Text, and Visual Considerations

- [Color Contrast Checker](#)
- [Complex Image Descriptions in Different Disciplines](#) (PCC, 2018)

Video Captioning and Transcripts

- [Student Uses and Perceptions of Closed Captions & Transcripts](#) - Report that shows the wide range of ways students use closed captions and transcripts, and for what purpose.

Inclusive Design and Universal Design for Learning

- [Radio For The Deaf, Finding A New Wavelength](#) - Opinion column article on the experience of a broadcaster designing a visual form of radio shows in order to make the show accessible for the deaf. “We spend a lot of time thinking about diversity, but there are a lot of people we don't include in that word.”