

Student Community Awareness for Universal Instructional Design

Student Checklist

Universal Instructional Design (UID) ensures an inclusive environment. By following the principles below, students can make a difference in the university community with regard to accessibility for all individuals regardless of learning style, background, culture, age, language, and ability.

- 1. Promote an inclusive community grounded in the concepts of Universal Instructional Design and Social Justice.**
 - Advocate social justice through discussion, conversation, and action
 - Offer friendship with all students regardless of background or ability
 - Share cultural experiences and seek out opportunities to learn about diversity through the perceptions of other students
 - Question events and programs that do not promote inclusion in a professional and appropriate manner

- 2. Plan and develop student accessible programs and events that welcome all students.**
 - Insure that event, program, and meeting locations allow all students to engage and socialize equally
 - All print materials: Posters, invitations, letters, announcements are in written in accessible formats (Large arial font, high contrast between lettering and background)
 - Support written announcements and posters with audio versions (podcasts, audio blogs and other)

- 3. Promote websites, online registration and surveys and other web based student information sites that are accessible for all students.**
 - Images and animation: Use the [alt] attribute to describe the function of each visual.
 - Multi-media: Provide captioning and transcripts of audio and descriptions of video
 - Hypertext links: Use text that makes sense when read out of context. For example, avoid "click here."
 - Page organization: Use headings, lists, and consistent structure. Use CSS for layout and style where possible.
 - Graphs and Charts: Summarize or use the [longdesc] (long description) attribute
 - Tables: Make line-by-line reading sensible. Summarize.
 - Frames: Use the [noframes] element and meaningful titles
 - Scripts, applets, & plug-ins: Provide alternate content in case active features are inaccessible or unsupported.

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- Check your work: Validate. Use tools, checklist, and guidelines at <http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG>

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