

The ADA, WCAG 2.1, and Universal Design Course

Purpose:

This course is meant to provide a fundamental framework on ADA law, WCAG 2.1, and Universal Design. This framework will be important for future modules in this series.

What it is:

This course will cover the winding path of ADA law, including Texas Administrative Code, as it relates to colleges and universities. It will provide an overview of WCAG 2.1 standards and how those standards can map to universal design principles.

What it is not:

This course is not meant to make you an ADA law expert. It has a very narrow focus on the law as it relates to colleges and universities, and specifically to ADA compliance for digital resources. Likewise, this course is not meant to train you to be an HTML coder. While the WCAG 2.1 standards are web standards, they are presented because they form the basis for digital resource compliance under the law. We are interested in what the standards say even though the mode of implementation may differ from the implementation on the web.

Course Layout:

This course consists of three main modules that should be completed in this order:

1. ADA Law
2. WCAG 2.1
3. Universal Design

Each module will have an overview which will contain the objectives and assignments. The assignments will ask you to read over a document or complete a series of explorations on a webpage. Each module will also include an assessment at the end of the module.