# Fundamental Course Accessibility Checklist: Building a new course

[Select accessible course materials](https://radr.rutgers.edu/resource/selecting-and-streamlining-course-content)that provide access for everyone.

**A few tips:**

* Prioritize recently published text 2018 to present which include accessible features.
* Ask the publisher or content provider about accessibility of course text or materials.
* Choose and Share Course Materials Early and post to Canvas site and syllabus.
* Use [Rutgers University Libraries](https://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/) to assist in locating accessible course materials (e.g. [Library Accessibility Services](https://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/about-rutgers-university-libraries/accessibility) and [Academic Search Premier](https://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/databases/asp))

Use [accessible documents](https://radr.rutgers.edu/resource/accessibility-best-practices-digital-content) (e.g., accessible [Microsoft 365](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/make-your-powerpoint-presentations-accessible-to-people-with-disabilities-6f7772b2-2f33-4bd2-8ca7-dae3b2b3ef25#bkmk_winalttext) documents, [HTML document](https://www.w3schools.com/html/html_accessibility.asp), [Google docs](https://support.google.com/accessibility/answer/6199477?hl=en&ref_topic=9114419&sjid=1841031974687431398-NC)., and when necessary use [accessible PDF ’s](https://helpx.adobe.com/acrobat/using/creating-accessible-pdfs.html)) or create content natively in Canvas or LMS using the [Rich Text Editor](https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Canvas-Basics-Guide/How-do-I-add-and-modify-text-in-the-Rich-Content-Editor/ta-p/618221) and the [Canvas Accessibility Checker](https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Canvas-Basics-Guide/How-do-I-use-the-Accessibility-Checker-in-the-Rich-Content/ta-p/618238).

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* Use available [Accessibility Checkers](https://radr.rutgers.edu/resource/using-accessibility-checkers) (e.g., Microsoft and Canvas).
* Use [Sensus Access](https://it.rutgers.edu/digital-accessibility/knowledgebase/sensusaccess/) to make inaccessible documents more accessible.

Provide an [Accessible Syllabus](https://radr.rutgers.edu/resource/accessible-syllabus).

Create [accessible lecture slides](https://radr.rutgers.edu/resource/how-create-accessible-lecture-slides).

[Ensure Video and multimedia content is accessible.](https://radr.rutgers.edu/resource/create-and-use-accessible-video-content)

Determine how to best [use PDF’s](https://radr.rutgers.edu/resource/using-pdfs-courses).

Check Canvas content accessibility using [Canvas Ally](https://canvas.rutgers.edu/external-apps/ally/).

Ensure that any course technologies being used are accessible. OIT does vet university-sponsored course technologies for accessibility. If using other course technologies, work with the vendor and OIT to ensure they are accessible.