

WCAG 2.1 AA Learning-Video Readiness Checklist

Run every course video — and the player it plays in — through this audit before launch. The target is WCAG 2.1 Level AA, the standard US and EU law now name for educational video.

A. Media track — captions and audio description

- Captions on every prerecorded video: speaker labels + non-speech sound (1.2.2 · A)
- Live captions on every webinar and virtual class (1.2.4 · AA)
- Audio description of on-screen visuals not spoken aloud (1.2.5 · AA)
- Captions human-verified for accuracy, not raw auto-captions

B. The player must be operable

- Every control works by keyboard alone, no mouse (2.1.1 · A)
- Visible focus indicator on every control (2.4.7 · AA)
- Controls expose name, role, and state to screen readers (4.1.2 · A)
- Text contrast $\geq 4.5:1$; controls and icons $\geq 3:1$ (1.4.3 / 1.4.11 · AA)

C. Around the video

- Slides and handouts are real text, not images of text (1.4.5 · AA)
- Quizzes never rely on color alone to show the answer (1.4.1 · A)
- Diagrams, thumbnails, and links carry descriptive text
- Transcript for audio-only; alternative for silent video (1.2.1 · A)

D. Proof and process

- Tested three ways: automated, manual, and with a screen reader
- Current VPAT / Accessibility Conformance Report on file
- ADA Title II deadline known: Apr 2027 ($\geq 50k$) / Apr 2028
- Accessibility written into the production brief, not retrofitted