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COURSE - ACCESSIBILITY CHECKER (INSTRUCTORS): IN COURSE NAVIGATION, AN ACCESSIBILITY CHECKER IS AVAILABLE

The most significant update is the introduction of the Course Accessibility Checker, available beginning February 22, 2026. This feature provides a course-level interface that gives faculty and administrators an overview of accessibility issues and guided tools for quick remediation.

This new tool scans an entire course. Faculty can run the checker within each course, and it will generate a report identifying accessibility issues such as:

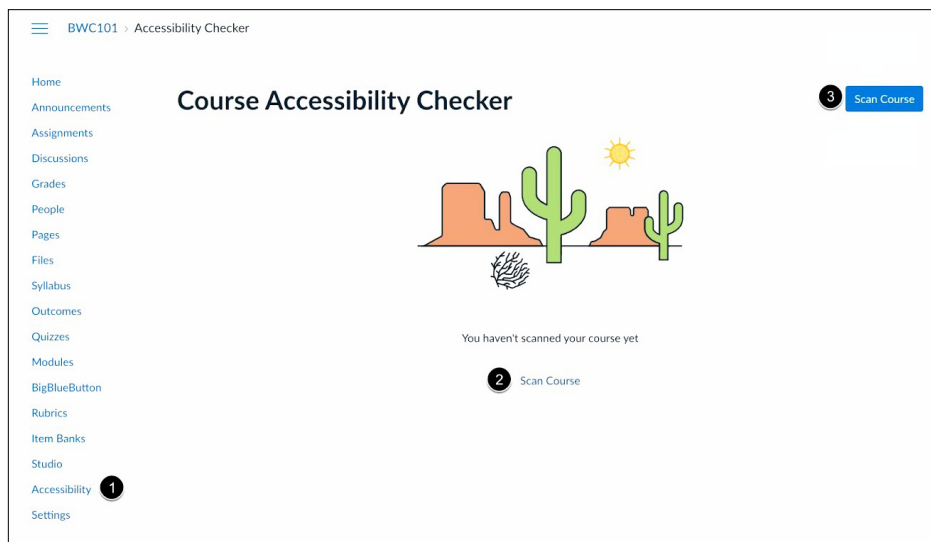
- Missing or incorrect alt text
- Improper heading structure
- Duplicate links
- Missing table headers
- Other common accessibility concerns

Some of Canvas's February 2026 releases will be included in the March release. We will include these releases in the March Review Newsletter:

- The Canvas updates, Survey Results Visibility (Faculty)
- Export Survey Responses (Faculty)
- New Quizzes - Native Canvas Integration Production Environment Availability (All Users)

Faculty can review flagged items, apply recommended fixes, and rescan the course to confirm improvements. The tool must be run individually within each course. Importantly, this feature will automatically appear in all courses—no manual activation is required. The central interface displays high-level information, including the total number of active issues and a bar chart illustrating their distribution by type. It also provides a detailed breakdown of issues for learning resources, such as Pages and Assignments, showing the number of issues per resource. Faculty can see the number of issues for each resource. To view a specific issue, click the Fix button. A tray then displays the problem area and issue description. To correct the issue, click the Reformat button.

Once reformatted, the problem area is updated to improve accessibility. Faculty can click Undo to revert the change or click the Save and Next button to proceed to the next resource.



The Checker initially supports scanning Canvas Pages and Assignments, enabling faster, more effective fixes. In Course Navigation, click the Accessibility link [1], then start the process by clicking the Scan Course link [2] or the Scan Course button [3].



TRANSITION: KEY UPDATES FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

Mediasite has been used on campus for nearly 20 years as an enterprise video platform. The University began using it around 2006–2007, when platforms like YouTube became popular.

How Mediasite Has Been Used

First, Mediasite has been used as a personalized video management portal (also known as My Mediasite). My Mediasite allows faculty to create, manage, and share instructional content with students. Secondly, we use the Mediasite Management Portal to support institutionally managed recordings and live streams (i.e., Board of Trustees meetings, presidential town halls, dedicated hardware recorders). Particularly, the Law School uses 12 hardware recorders to capture approximately 3,000 classes per semester.

Reviews Show Declining Usage

Faculty video practices have shifted in recent years. Many now use tools like Canvas Studio, YouTube, or third-party software. Campus live streaming has also moved to platforms such as Microsoft Teams. Usage data reflects this downward trend. In 2025, only six faculty members' videos uploaded over the past five years were viewed, for a total of approximately 150 views. Just two new videos were added during the year. Most of the remaining views come from older content that faculty continue to link to within their courses.

As a Result, Licensing is Changing

Due to reduced usage and upcoming licensing changes, access to My Mediasite will end in May 2026. The Law School plans to license its own Mediasite server to continue supporting classroom recordings.

For Faculty and Staff

- Existing content will remain accessible and playable.
- No new content can be added after May.
- ITS will contact users with content to assist with exporting and migration.

What About Recording Spaces and Existing Content

The recorder in McWherter Library Room 225 will be replaced with an alternative solution, as hardware recorders will no longer be supported campus-wide outside of the Law School. Institutional channels—such as SOAR and training libraries—and content from the former Wilder Tower studio will remain accessible. However, no new faculty content will be added to Mediasite moving forward. Faculty with questions or content to migrate are encouraged to reach out before May for assistance. You may email Beau at bstaples@memphis.edu.

VPN LINKS ADDED TO THE ORACLE SIGN-ON PAGE

Limited Functionality Detected

This service requires a connection to the [UofM VPN](#). While login may succeed without VPN, many features will not be available.

Please log out, connect to the VPN, and log back in.

If you are already connected to the VPN, please review [Oracle Fusion FAQs](#) or submit a Help Desk ticket for assistance.

Done

Oracle Fusion access is only allowed from University networks. You must be on campus or use the Virtual Private Network (VPN) to access the system from off campus. If using any external network (home Wi-Fi, personal hotspot, etc.), you must sign in to the VPN via UofM SSO. VPN software may be downloaded to personal laptops or computers. If you try to sign in without being connected to the University's VPN, you will receive a message stating that the service requires a UofM VPN connection. If the device you are using does not have the University's VPN software (AnyConnect) installed, a link will be provided to download and install it.

How Recent macOS Updates Affect VPN Access

Older Mac devices may no longer receive operating system updates once they fall outside of Apple's support window, which can also affect security updates and system notifications. In some cases, outdated macOS versions may cause compatibility issues with campus VPN services, requiring users to update their operating system or device to maintain secure remote access. Keeping systems up to date will ensure continued access to university resources and avoid connectivity disruptions.

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