

ACCESSIBILITY – CHOOSING ACCESSIBLE FONTS

MINDFUL CHOICES

1. When choosing fonts for using in documents and websites it is important to consider how students with visual impairments will perceive the writing.
2. High contrast can be important for some students, either dark font colors against light background colors (like black font on a white page) or light fonts on a dark background.
3. Avoid choosing fonts with serifs or overly ornate fonts. These can inhibit reading for some learners.
4. If downloadable documents are available as a DOC file, students are able to change any troublesome colors or fonts to be something easier for them to read.
5. Never use color as the only way meaning is conveyed. For example, having a list of assignments where students pick one blue assignment and one red assignment.
6. Avoid using scanned images of text, which won't be able to be read by many screen readers.

COLORS AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS

Colorblindness is one of the most common visual impairments, affecting an estimated 2.7 million people in the world. It can also be an impairment that can be easy to forget about. Keep this in mind when creating documents and courses.

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