

Universal Design Resources for Higher Education

These resources support a universal design approach to higher education: identifying barriers in ordinary campus practices and redesigning teaching, events, housing, technology, and campus environments so access is built in from the start rather than added later through individual exception processes.

Teaching and learning

- [CAST UDL Guidelines](#) — Foundational universal design for learning framework organized around multiple means of engagement, representation, and action/expression.
- [University of Illinois Chicago: Universal Design for Learning](#) — Practical faculty guidance for applying UDL in course design, participation, materials, and assessment.

Events and meetings

- [University of Kansas: Best Practice Guidelines for Planning an Accessible Event](#) — A proactive checklist for planning campus events with accessibility built into communication, logistics, venue selection, and day-of design.
- [Minnesota State University, Mankato: Universal Design for Event or Meeting Planning](#) — Explicitly applies universal design to meetings and events and is useful for student affairs, faculty events, and campus programming.

Housing and residence life

- [Think College: Developing Inclusive Residential Living on College Campuses](#) — Practical guidance for designing more inclusive residential life and proactively addressing support needs in campus housing.
- [Roomcompact: Supporting Students with Disabilities in Residence Life](#) — Frames universal design as a core residence-life practice rather than a narrow accommodation issue.

Technology and procurement

- [University of Illinois: ICT Procurement Requirements](#) — Model procurement guidance for making accessibility a baseline requirement in technology purchasing.
- [Illinois IITAA Procurement](#) — Useful state-level procurement guidance on accessibility demonstrations, standards, and vendor accountability.

Campus environment

- [ADA Compliance on Campus Checklist](#) — Broad checklist covering physical and environmental access across campus spaces.
- [Legat: ADA and Universal Design at College Campuses](#) — Connects code compliance with universal design in campus architecture and planning.