



## UNIVERSITY POLICY

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICIES

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**Number: 503**

**Subject: Web Accessibility and Compliance Policy**

**Covered Individuals: All Staff, Faculty, and Students**

**Covered Campus Locations: All Locations**

**Date of Origin: May 17, 2017**

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#### PURPOSE

The federal government requires its agencies to comply with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794d, Section 508, subpart B 1194.22 "Web-based intranet and internet information and applications" ("Section 508"). Upper Iowa University aspires to make its Web pages as accessible as is practicable to all users. This policy sets Web accessibility standards for Web sites in the Upper Iowa University Web space. This policy is applicable to all domestic locations.

Currently, the two most widely accepted standards for Web accessibility are the aforementioned Section 508 and the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C). Upper Iowa University has chosen Section 508 and WCAG 2.0 AA standards because they represent Title III (applying to commercial entities and "public accommodation") compliance.

#### DEFINITIONS:

N/A

#### POLICY

All Web pages within the Upper Iowa University's Web space (defined as any web space contracted with UIU), must be made accessible to the widest range of users, including those with visual, auditory, ambulatory and cognitive disabilities, by adopting as a minimum all requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.0 level AA (WCAG) of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)

## **RULES, PROCEDURES, GUIDELINES, FORMS, AND OTHER RELATED RESOURCES**

N/A

## **CONTACTS**

Acting as the Policy Owner, the Director of Disability Services is responsible for answering questions regarding the application of this policy. Contact information: (563) 425-5949.

## **SANCTIONS**

N/A

## **HISTORY**

- Policy was created as a new policy on December 1, 2016
- UPC approved the policy on May 17, 2017