

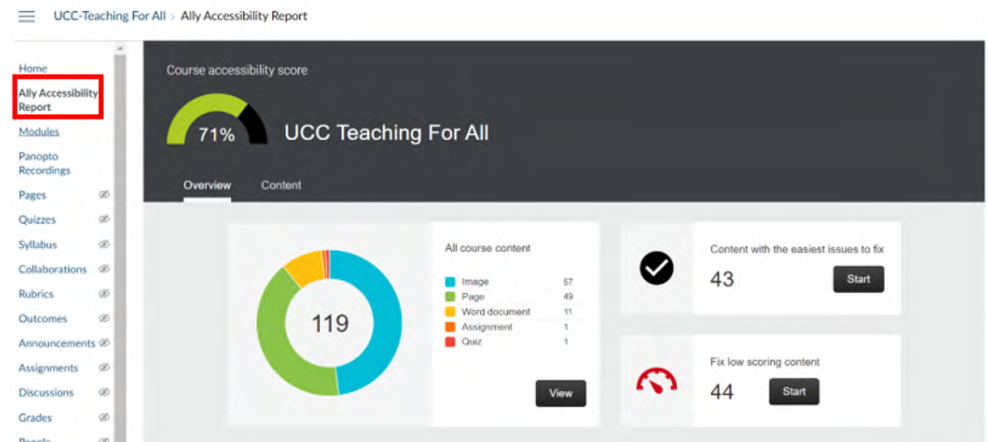
Ally Accessibility Report





What is Ally?

The **Ally Accessibility Report** is now available on the **menu of all Canvas courses** in UCC. This is a tool that scans content, such as PDFs, presentations, and documents and provides the course instructor with an accessibility score. A report is presented, alongside this score, that explains how to fix each content issue.

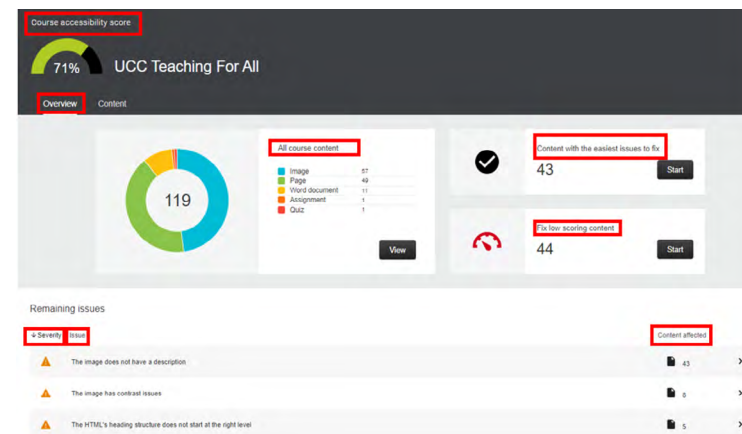


Ally Accessibility Report in the UCC Teaching For All

1. Interpreting the Ally Accessibility Report

At the top of the Ally report is the **course content accessibility score**. A traffic light system is used to explain this score. A red colour means that your course **Needs Help**, orange indicates that your course is doing **A little better**, light green means that it is **Almost there**, and dark green means that it is **Perfect**.

An overview is then provided of all the types of content in the course, this is simply the number of items and is not rated based on accessibility. Next, you can choose to start remediating content based on the **Content with the easiest issues to fix** or to **Fix low scoring content**. Remaining issues are listed at the bottom of the report, these can be filtered by **Severity**, **Issue** type, or the amount of **Content Affected**. You can click any issue to open the **Instructor Feedback** tool, which includes an outline of how to remediate the issue and the functionality for doing so.

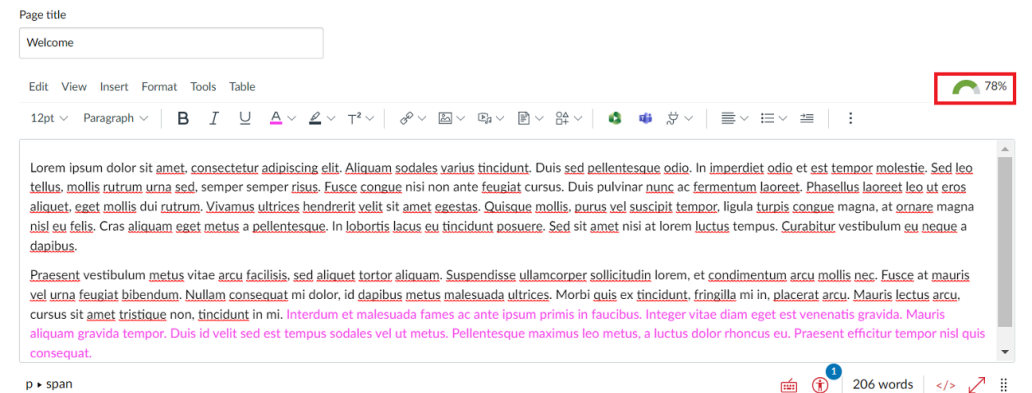


Course Score Overview

2. Staff View

Staff can use Ally to remediate content via three areas in their Canvas course.

1. The first is the **Report**, seen on page 1 and 2 of this guide.
2. A score is also presented on the top-right of every **Page** in Canvas, when viewed in **Edit Mode***.
3. The **Files Area** in Canvas also contains an Accessibility Indicator next to each one.



The screenshot shows a Canvas page editor interface. At the top, there is a 'Page title' field containing the text 'Welcome'. Below this is a menu bar with options: Edit, View, Insert, Format, Tools, Table. To the right of the menu bar is a green circular accessibility indicator showing a score of 78%. Below the menu bar is a rich text editor toolbar with various icons for text formatting, alignment, and insertion. The main content area contains two paragraphs of placeholder text (Lorem ipsum) with several words highlighted in red, indicating accessibility issues. At the bottom of the editor, there is a status bar showing 'p > span', a blue information icon, and '206 words'.

Remediate Content

Note: attachments on a **Page**, such as PDFs, contain a separate indicator that is visible when **not in** Edit Mode.

3. Remediating an Issue in Ally

The **Instructor Feedback** tool in Ally explains how to remediate content. The issue is displayed on the left and there is more information on the right. You can click **What this means** to get an overview of the issue. In the example provided here, Alternative Text is needed for the image and Ally includes a field for writing this text or marking it as decorative. In the case of a file that needs remediation, a facility is provided for re-uploading the resolved file to the course.



The screenshot displays the Ally Instructor Feedback tool interface. On the left, there is a large, semi-transparent blue icon of a hand pointing to the right. The main content area shows a photograph of a smiling healthcare worker in blue scrubs holding a clipboard and a pencil. To the right of the image, a dark overlay provides accessibility feedback. At the top right of the overlay, it says "Accessibility score for: Image of a Healthcare Worker" with a red gauge showing "25%". Below this, the message "This image is missing a description" is displayed. A red box highlights the "What this means" button. Below it is a "How to write a good description" button. A larger red box highlights the "Add image description" section, which includes a text input field and an "Add" button. Below that, there is an "Or" section with a button labeled "Indicate image is decorative" and a note: "This image is used for decoration only and a description is not needed". A "Help" link is visible at the bottom right of the overlay.

Instructor Feedback Tool

4. Student View

Ally will provide **accessible conversions** of Canvas course content for students. They can download the materials in different formats, by clicking the **Ally symbol** next to the content title. This is a black A with an arrow beside it, a screenreader will call it out as **'Alternative Formats'**. You will find it next to the title on a Page. Once clicked, you are given the option to convert the web content (the Page itself) or any of the Files within that page.

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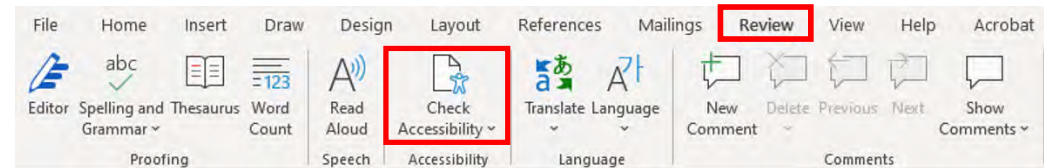
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Alternative Formats

Note: Students do not see the Ally Course Report in the Canvas menu.

5. Resources

Further resources for learning about Ally are available on the **Inclusive UCC website**. You can also visit the documentation provided by **Anthology.SensusAccess** on the UCC library website, is another useful resource for updating the accessibility of your PDFs. Our top tip is to check any content, created in a Microsoft Office App, with the Accessibility Checker prior to upload to Canvas. This is located underneath the **Review** tab.



Check Accessibility Tool

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