Within your Canvas course, there are built-in formatting tools available to ensure all students can access your content.

**Layout & Design**
The layout of a page should be clean, clear, and uncluttered. Navigation should be consistent throughout the course. When designing a page, avoid using tables for layout. For more information: https://goo.gl/bAcbK7.

**Images**
When uploading images to a page, the use of ALT Text allows screen-readers to inform the student what the picture is. To add ALT text to pictures within Canvas, please see this help document: https://goo.gl/MrVbjJ.

**Hyperlinks (URLs)**
Instead of copying/pasting a URL link within a page, attach the link to words that describe where the link goes. This will help all students, not just those who use screen-readers, understand where the link will take them. Please see this help document for more information: https://goo.gl/7VoK Gn.

**Headings**
Content within a course should always include descriptive headings and subheadings to allow a quick scan of content for both sighted and non-sighted students. More information on leveraging the H1, H2 options: https://goo.gl/KCM4R r.

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Bold and italics can be used to bring attention to key words within the text. Avoid using underlining unless it is a URL link. When using color text, you want to ensure adequate color contrast & use accessibility friendly colors. Avoid bright colors, such as yellow, pale green, pink, and orange. For more information: https://goo.gl/JppH8Y.

Videos

When possible, videos within Canvas should have optional closed captioning (CC). If using external videos, such as YouTube, check with the video provider for CC options. For videos within Media Library, contact medialibrary@yale.edu to discuss the options available.

Blackboard Ally- Pilot

During fall 2017- spring 2018 academic year, Yale’s Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning is piloting Blackboard Ally, providing alternative accessible formats of content within Canvas. Automatically-generated alternative accessible formats include Semantic HTML, audio, ePUB, and electronic braille. For more information on how to obtain accessible content within Canvas: https://goo.gl/cw5Vyj.

To learn more about the accessibility within Canvas: https://goo.gl/rUZa89