



About Accessible Technology Initiative

The Accessible Technology Initiative reflects the California State University's (CSU) ongoing commitment to provide access to information resources and technologies to individuals with disabilities. "It is the policy of the CSU to make information technology resources and services accessible to all CSU students, faculty, staff and the general public regardless of disability."

ATI was created to build a culture of access for an inclusive learning and working environment. The primary strategy behind the ATI is the principle of universal design, an approach to the design of products and services to be usable by the greatest number of people including individuals with disabilities.

Ultimately, ATI was put in place in order to foster collaboration to affect changes that will benefit all. The ATI is guided by the belief that accessible design is good design. The curb cut, which was originally designed to enable a wheelchair user to cross the street, is used by most people, whether

they are on a skateboard, pushing a baby stroller or out for a walk. The ATI will stimulate the proliferation of electronic curb cuts throughout the CSU, allowing maximum profit from the growing use of technology.

The ATI focuses on four areas:

Web Accessibility: The goal is for all of the CSU websites to conform to accessibility standards. Campus web designers and web masters use automatic tools, coupled with manual testing, to determine the accessibility of existing sites. All new web sites are designed with accessibility as a basic design principle. The CSU co-sponsors a web accessibility conference, CalWAC, annually.

Instructional Materials Accessibility: This very broad area includes making sure that alternative formats and accessible formats are available, accessible document production, accessibility of online learning tools and systems, accessible multimedia, and accessibility of emerging technologies., among other topics.

Procurement of Accessible Technology: The CSU follows Section 508 guidelines and procedures, which require that all electronic and information technology that is developed, procured, maintained or used should be accessible.

Training: Since so many different people in many capacities are involved in carrying out this work, the ATI is identifying, collecting, developing and disseminating training resources that can be used in a variety of formats. They address each of the areas of focus.

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