

Video Accessibility Checklist

Levels of Accessibility

- Best option:** Descriptive Video Service and Captioning (assists widest variety of needs)
- Secondary option:* Captioning (assists with auditory and some other impairments)
- Option:* Transcript (assists with auditory and some other impairments)

Choosing Videos

- Check for availability of subtitles, captioning, or descriptive video service prior to selection
 - Physical copies (Blu-Ray, DVD)
 - Online videos (YouTube, Teacher Tube, etc.)
 - Subscription services (Netflix, Hulu, etc)

Posting Videos Online

- Post or link only to captioned videos (this includes YouTube or any other video site)
- Avoid** having video play automatically upon loading
- Contact i2@concordia.edu if video is larger than 100MB

Definitions

Descriptive Video Service (DVS)

- Describes the visual information in an appropriate manner
- Easy to hear and understand
- Available as an option (for Blu-Ray/DVD)

Captioning

- Exact wording with 1-2 lines of text
- Easy to read quickly in font style, spacing, and wording
- Provides onscreen written content for all visual events, including noises not related to speaking (i.e. glass shattering, cat meowing)
- American-produced videos should have captioning, except for low volume, industry-specific videos

Transcripts

- Text written with time stamps so that reader can follow along at correct time
- Publishers or vendors may supply upon request
- Necessary if a video does **NOT** have captioning