2026 ADA Accessibility Checklist for Higher Education

Governance & Ownership

☐ Designated accessibility owner or team

☐ Public accessibility policy

☐ ADA contact method clearly available

☐ Vendor accessibility requirements documented

Website Accessibility

☐ Proper heading structure and landmarks

☐ Keyboard navigation site-wide

☐ Accessible forms and error handling

☐ Color contrast and visible focus indicators

PDFs & Digital Documents

☐ Tagged PDFs with logical reading order

☐ Accessible tables, links, and images

☐ No scanned image-only documents

Multimedia Content

☐ Captions for videos

☐ Transcripts for audio

☐ Accessible media controls

Third-Party & AI Tools

☐ Chatbots and widgets tested

☐ AI-generated content reviewed

☐ Vendor accessibility statements collected

Testing & Monitoring

☐ Automated scanning in place

☐ Manual screen reader testing

☐ Ongoing monitoring and remediation

Documentation & Training

☐ Audit and remediation records retained

☐ Staff trained on accessibility basics