SJC Web Accessibility Guidelines

San Juan College provides an accessible website in accordance with W3C (World Wide Web Consortium) guidelines.

SJC has recently completed a project in conjunction with the NM State Dept of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Disability Law Resource Project (Houston, TX) designed to improve the accessibility of the SJC internet website. SJC is to serve as an example for other southwestern academic institutions in later phases of this project, run by the above mentioned organizations. Web accessibility according to the W3C guidelines has been achieved, but improvements in this area will be ongoing. SJC content owners and developers are encouraged to consult with the Office of Technology Services (ext.3266) with any questions regarding web accessibility.

Purpose of this document:

- Define web accessibility.
- Establish minimum accessibility standards for Web pages.
- Provide resources for web developers who need to make sure that their content is accessible.

Definition of 'web accessibility'-A web page is 'accessible' when it can be as effectively used by a person with a disability as by a person without a disability. When a web page satisfies this condition, it is said to be 'accessible' to everyone.

Guidelines:

So what does it mean exactly to say that an SJC webpage is accessible?

1. **SJC Web Accessibility Standard:** San Juan College endorses the Guidelines of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) as the standard for World Wide Web accessibility. Specifically, SJC has adopted the standards established by Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act. These guidelines are consistent with the W3C Guidelines and provide well-documented guidelines for implementation.
2. Web pages published or hosted by the university should comply with the university's Web Accessibility Standard.
3. Upon specific request, information on Web pages is to be made available to any individual needing access to such Web content, by revision or otherwise.
4. Upon specific request, information on Web sites and Web pages in archive status (for example: pages no longer in use but subject to records retention plans), and containing core administrative or academic information, official records and similar information is to be made available/accessible to any individual needing access to such Web content, by revision or otherwise.
5. A text-only version of an inaccessible Web page may be offered only in cases where extraordinary measures would be necessary to make that Web page compliant. The text-only version of the Web page must contain the same information and equivalent functionality and be updated whenever the inaccessible Web page is updated.
6. For items 1.A., 1.B., 1.C. and 1.D. undue administrative or financial burdens may contribute to a determination that alternative formats be used to provide the information to individuals requiring use of the information.

Resources:

[WebAIM](#)-This organization is a non-profit organization within the Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University. Their site is an excellent resource for virtually anything to do with web accessibility.