

Chapter 5 – Student Services

AP 5142 Students with Disabilities — Accessibility of Multimedia Instructional Material: Captioning (NEW)

References:

Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. Section 794d, Subpart A, 1194.24, 36CFR part 1194); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (34CFR Sections 104.3, and 104.44); Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. Section 12101) Title 5 Sections 56000 et sec.; Education Code Sections 66010.2, 67310, 67302.5 (AKA Assembly Bill 386) and 84850; BP 3410, BP 3420, BP 3440, and BP 5140, AP3450, AP 5140

Under federal and state laws, and statutes, Mt. San Antonio College is required to ensure accessibility of multimedia to all students. Captioning is essential for people with a hearing loss to access the same audio information as people without hearing loss. All multimedia material must be captioned.

Section 508 (1194.24) provides that all training and informational video and multimedia productions that contain speech or other audio information necessary for the comprehension of the content, shall have captions. Consequently, multimedia used for instruction must have captions, whether or not the captions are turned on. Education Code and federal law provide that, when a professor is in receipt of an accommodations letter which states the student is to receive captioning as an accommodation in the classroom, captions must be shown for all multimedia materials in that class. However, student produced videos, intended primarily to be submitted for a professor-assigned grade, do not need to be captioned. Captions may be turned on at the discretion of the professor when no accommodations letter exists.

Students who require assistance or information regarding captioning may contact Disabled Student Programs & Services located in the Student Services Division or the ADA/504 Compliance Officer located in the Human Resources Department.

Students requiring captioning of multimedia instructional material should:

1. inquire prior to the first day of class if the professor will be using multimedia material in the class;
2. check in with professor first day of class to introduce their need for captioning; and
3. request that the professor displays captions for all multimedia materials shown in class.

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