



The University of Chicago Accessibility Conformance Report

WCAG Edition

(Based on VPAT[®] Version 2.5)

Name of Product/Version: Chicago Manual of Style Online

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Product Description: Product located at www.chicagomanualofstyle.org

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Notes:



Allyant performed live-user accessibility auditing, including but not limited to testing by individuals with disabilities using assistive technology, combined with digital testing tools, on a representative sample of pages of The University of Chicago’s website. The accessibility audit was completed approximately July 10, 2026

Evaluation Methods Used: The evaluation was performed using desktop computers with Job Access With Speech 2025 (JAWS) and NonVisual Desktop Access 2024 (NVDA).

Standard/Guideline	Included In Report
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0	Level A YES Level AA YES Level AAA NO
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1	Level A YES Level AA YES Level AAA NO
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2	Level A YES Level AA YES Level AAA NO

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Terms

The terms used in the Conformance Level information are defined as follows:

- **Supports:** The functionality of the product has at least one method that meets the criterion without known defects or meets with equivalent facilitation.
- **Partially Supports:** Some functionality of the product does not meet the criterion.
- **Does Not Support:** The majority of product functionality does not meet the criterion.
- **Not Applicable:** The criterion is not relevant to the product.
- **Not Evaluated:** The product has not been evaluated against the criterion. This can be used only for WCAG Level AAA criteria.

WCAG 2.2 Report

Note: When reporting on conformance with the WCAG 2.2 Success Criteria, they are scoped for full pages, complete processes, and accessibility-supported ways of using technology as documented in the [WCAG 2.2 Conformance Requirements](#)

Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<u>1.1.1 Non-text Content</u> (Level A)	Partially Supports	The website contains images and icons that are not properly labeled or hidden from assistive technologies. For example, the "Submit a Question to the Style Q&A" image, breadcrumb icon "/", and decorative icon "👁️" lack accurate alt attributes or appropriate hiding techniques.
<u>1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded)</u> (Level A)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded)</u> (Level A)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded)</u> (Level A)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>1.3.1 Info and Relationships</u> (Level A)	Partially Supports	The website contains elements that are not marked up to convey their structural roles. For example, the breadcrumb links, aside navigation items, and pagination elements lack appropriate semantic tags like <nav> and <aside>.
<u>1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence</u> (Level A)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.

<u>1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics</u> (Level A)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>1.4.1 Use of Color</u> (Level A)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>1.4.2 Audio Control</u> (Level A)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>2.1.1 Keyboard</u> (Level A)	Partially Supports	The website contains elements that are not properly marked up as actionable buttons. For example, the "Bookmark it" button, "Take notes" button lack appropriate button markup and the "Overview" and "Illustrations" elements have negative tabindex attributes.
<u>2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap</u> (Level A)	Partially Supports	The website contains focus management issues that trap user focus. For example, after selecting an option in the 'Please Select a Product*' dropdown, the user's focus becomes trapped on the Email input field.
<u>2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts</u> (Level A 2.1 only)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>2.2.1 Timing Adjustable</u> (Level A)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide</u> (Level A)	Partially Supports	The website contains moving content without controls to pause, stop, or hide it. For example, the moving content "Happy Juneteenth from The Chicago Manual of Style! The CMOS Help Desk is Closed for the Juneteenth holiday weekend..."



		lacks user controls.
<u>2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold</u> (Level A)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>2.4.1 Bypass Blocks</u> (Level A)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>2.4.2 Page Titled</u> (Level A)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>2.4.3 Focus Order</u> (Level A)	Partially Supports	The website contains elements with non-standard tabindex values. For example, the actionable elements in the Free Trial Sign-Up form have positive tabindex values.
<u>2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context)</u> (Level A)	Partially Supports	The website contains image links and navigation elements without clear labels. For example, "The Chicago Manual of Style Online" image link, "The University of Chicago Press" logo, and "Home" link lack descriptive text.
<u>2.5.1 Pointer Gestures</u> (Level A 2.1 only)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation</u> (Level A 2.1 only)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>2.5.3 Label in Name</u> (Level A 2.1 only)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>2.5.4 Motion Actuation</u> (Level A 2.1 only)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.

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<u>3.1.1 Language of Page</u> (Level A)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>3.2.1 On Focus</u> (Level A)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>3.2.2 On Input</u> (Level A)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>3.2.6 Consistent Help</u> (Level A 2.2 only)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>3.3.1 Error Identification</u> (Level A)	Partially Supports	The website contains error messages that are not identified programmatically. For example, the Free Trial sign-up form errors and the login error message "Please enter password" lack programmatic associations.
<u>3.3.2 Labels or Instructions</u> (Level A)	Partially Supports	The website contains form fields without proper labels and indications for required fields. For example, the "GoTo Paragraph Input" in the header, the search field, and the "Username" and "Please enter password" edit fields lack programmatic labels and required field indications.
<u>3.3.7 Redundant Entry</u> (Level A 2.2 only)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>4.1.1 Parsing</u> (Level A) WCAG 2.0 and 2.1 – Always answer 'Supports' WCAG 2.2 (obsolete and removed) - Does not apply	Supports	For WCAG 2.0 and 2.1, the September 2023 errata update indicates this criterion is always supported. See the <u>WCAG 2.0 Editorial Errata</u> and the <u>WCAG 2.1 Editorial Errata</u> . See the <u>WCAG 2.0 Editorial Errata</u> and the <u>WCAG 2.1 Editorial Errata</u> .

4.1.2 Name, Role, Value (Level A)

Partially Supports

The website contains elements that are not correctly marked up for accessibility. For example, the "Bookmark it" button is not marked up as such; there are elements with `aria-hidden="true"`, and the search autocomplete field lacks appropriate ARIA attributes and semantic markup.

Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.4 Captions (Live) (Level AA)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AA)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
1.3.4 Orientation (Level AA 2.1 only)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose (Level AA 2.1 only)	Partially Supports	The website contains form fields without valid autocomplete attributes. For example, the 'Email' field on the Free Trial page, 'Username' and 'Password' fields on the Log In page, and 'Name' and 'Email address' fields on the Submit a Question page lack proper autocomplete attributes.
1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) (Level AA)	Partially Supports	A rating of Partially Supports has been assigned as an element was identified with a color combination that does not meet the minimum color contrast required by the WCAG. For example: All footer links

		(on hover).
<u>1.4.4 Resize text</u> (Level AA)	Partially Supports	The website contains text that becomes lost or obscured when resized to 200%. For example, the page content on the index page, the aside navigation on the citation guide page, and the header content on the sitemap page lack proper resizing support.
<u>1.4.5 Images of Text</u> (Level AA)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>1.4.10 Reflow</u> (Level AA 2.1 only)	Partially Supports	The website contains content that requires scrolling in more than one direction. For example, the "Customer Service" page, the "Submit a Question to the Style Q&A" page, and the citation guide page require horizontal and vertical scrolling to read the content.
<u>1.4.11 Non-text Contrast</u> (Level AA 2.1 only)	Partially Supports	The website contains graphical elements with insufficient color contrast. For example, the "Search" icon, autocomplete results like "Chinese language," and the "Go to Paragraph" button do not meet the minimum color contrast requirements.
<u>1.4.12 Text Spacing</u> (Level AA 2.1 only)	Partially Supports	The website contains text elements that do not accommodate user adjustments for text spacing. For example, the "Web page," "Social media content," and "Video or podcast" items in the aside navigation overlap or are clipped when text spacing is overridden.
<u>1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus</u> (Level	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to

AA 2.1 only)		this Success Criterion.
2.4.5 Multiple Ways (Level AA)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
2.4.6 Headings and Labels (Level AA)	Partially Supports	The website contains text elements that function as headings but are not marked up as such. For example, the text "The Chicago Manual of Style Online" form instructions, "Find it. Write it. Cite it." tagline, and "WRITING, EDITING, PUBLISHING BOOKS FROM CHICAGO" header lack appropriate heading markup.
2.4.7 Focus Visible (Level AA)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
2.4.11 Focus Not Obscured (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
2.5.7 Dragging Movements (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
2.5.8 Target Size (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)	Partially Supports	The website contains interactive elements with undersized targets. For example, elements "A", "B", and "C" lack sufficient target size.
3.1.2 Language of Parts (Level AA)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
3.2.3 Consistent Navigation (Level AA)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.

<u>3.2.4 Consistent Identification</u> (Level AA)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>3.3.3 Error Suggestion</u> (Level AA)	Partially Supports	The website contains error messages that do not provide suggestions for correction. For example, the error message "Please fill in this field" for the email address input field lacks guidance on how to correct the error.
<u>3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data)</u> (Level AA)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>3.3.8 Accessible Authentication (Minimum)</u> (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	There are no known accessibility barriers related to this Success Criterion.
<u>4.1.3 Status Messages</u> (Level AA 2.1 only)	Partially Supports	The website contains autocomplete components without announced result counts. For example, the search field in the header section does not provide the number of available autocomplete results.

Table 3: Success Criteria, Level AAA

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<u>1.2.6 Sign Language (Prerecorded)</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.

<u>1.2.7 Extended Audio Description (Prerecorded)</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>1.2.8 Media Alternative (Prerecorded)</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>1.2.9 Audio-only (Live)</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>1.3.6 Identify Purpose</u> (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>1.4.6 Contrast (Enhanced)</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>1.4.7 Low or No Background Audio</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>1.4.8 Visual Presentation</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>1.4.9 Images of Text (No Exception)</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>2.1.3 Keyboard (No Exception)</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>2.2.3 No Timing</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>2.2.4 Interruptions</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>2.2.5 Re-authenticating</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>2.2.6 Timeouts</u> (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.

<u>2.3.2 Three Flashes</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>2.3.3 Animation from Interactions</u> (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>2.4.8 Location</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>2.4.9 Link Purpose (Link Only)</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>2.4.10 Section Headings</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>2.4.12 Focus Not Obscured (Enhanced)</u> (Level AAA 2.2 only)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>2.4.13 Focus Appearance</u> (Level AAA 2.2 only)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>2.5.5 Target Size</u> (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>2.5.6 Concurrent Input Mechanisms</u> (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>3.1.3 Unusual Words</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>3.1.4 Abbreviations</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>3.1.5 Reading Level</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
<u>3.1.6 Pronunciation</u> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.



3.2.5 Change on Request (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
3.3.5 Help (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
3.3.6 Error Prevention (All) (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.
3.3.9 Accessible Authentication (Enhanced) (Level AAA 2.2 only)	Not Evaluated	Success criteria was not evaluated during audit.

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