

Accessible Reading Lists

- Use a sans serif font, e.g. Calibri. These fonts do not have marks at the end of strokes and are therefore cleaner and less distracting.
- Use a text size of at least 12 point. N.B. A font size of at least 16 point is recommended for the visually impaired.
- Use 1.5 spacing.
- Where possible, avoid underlining or italicising text.
- Left align text. Gaps produced by justified text can be distracting.
- Avoid using black text on a pure white background. Use a cream background where possible.
- Ensure that there is good contrast between the text and background colour.
- Avoid using colour to differentiate text. Screen readers will not identify this differentiation.
- Annotate reading lists to identify key themes and essential texts.
- Ensure that reading lists are closely related to the learning outcomes of your module.
- Ensure that you update your reading list annually. Ideally, the library should possess multiple copies, or digital access to texts which are recommended as 'essential'. Dead hyperlinks should be removed.
- Please remember that students can find it distressing to try and inform academic staff of access issues.

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