

Syllabus

# HORT 479: Advanced Turfgrass Science

Extensive reviews of turfgrass sciences including ecology, physiology, entomology, pathology, weed science, and soil science.

## Course Details

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**Office Hours:** Office Hours Fridays, by appointment.

**Instructor Responses:** I will respond to student emails, Canvas Inbox messages or other forms of contact by the end of the next business day, excluding weekends and holidays.

**Course:** HORT 479 M70

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Delivery method:** Online with some web-based synchronous meeting times

**Class Meeting Days and Times:** Thursdays (Time to be determined based on student & faculty schedule)

**Class Meeting Location:** Zoom Meetings (more info will be available by Announcement)

**Prerequisite(s):** The prerequisite(s) for this course are: HORT 378. Turfgrass Science. Experience working with turfgrass maintenance is helpful. Students who do not meet the prerequisites may be dis-enrolled during the first few weeks of class. Please see me if you have not satisfied the course prerequisites.

## Required Texts

Choose **ONE** of the following turfgrass management texts:

- Turgeon & Kaminski's Turfgrass Management  
Available at: <https://turfpath.com/book/> (<https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com?url=https%3A%2F%2Fturfpath.com%2Fbook%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e16999>)
- Turgeon's Turfgrass Management.  
ISBN-13: 978-0137074358  
ISBN-10: 0137074352

- Christians' Fundamental of Turfgrass Management  
ISBN-13: 978-1119204633  
ISBN-10: 1119204631

### Optional/Recommended Texts and Materials

Optional Supportive Texts (not required, but if you you are seeking a career in turfgrass management you should purchase these when you can afford them.

- Fry's Applied Turfgrass Science and Physiology  
ISBN: 9780471472704
- Bell's Turfgrass Physiology and Ecology  
ISBN: 9781845936488

## Course Learning Objectives

1. **Discuss** the fundamentals of turfgrass management practices including mowing, fertilization, irrigation, cultural practices and pest management, and use these practices to **plan** an integrated turfgrass management plan.
2. **Identify** common and unique turfgrass problems and situations and **formulate** a solution based on prior knowledge learned.
3. **Analyze** how stresses, construction and turfgrass management practices affect growth, development, and physiology of turfgrasses.
4. **Ascertain** how environmentally sound management practices can be modified to promote optimal turfgrass health under stress conditions.
5. **Critically evaluate** scientifically based literature on turfgrass management.

## Canvas Information

Canvas is the where course content, grades, and communication will reside for this course.

- myinstitution.instructure.com
- For Canvas, Passwords, or any other computer-related technical support contact the [IT Service Desk](#).
  - 123 123-1234
  - 877 878-8325
  - <http://it.myinstitution.edu>
  - [itsupport@myinstitution.edu](mailto:itsupport@myinstitution.edu) [\\_\(https://mail.google.com/mail/?view=cm&fs=1&tf=1&to=itsupport@myinstitution.edu\)](https://mail.google.com/mail/?view=cm&fs=1&tf=1&to=itsupport@myinstitution.edu)

## Course Expectations

This is a fully online course with weekly schedule of activities and assignments. You should plan to log in to the course every day during the business week. This is not an "at your own pace" course, you will need to follow assignment deadlines and attend the synchronous "live" class Zoom sessions. Deadlines for most assignments will be prior to our Thursday Zoom meetings and Sunday at midnight. Deadlines are subject to change, but you will be given at least 5 days notice. Find out if you are ready and have the skills necessary to succeed in the online learning environment by taking the [Online Learning Readiness Survey](https://online.nmsu.edu/online-readiness/) (<https://online.nmsu.edu/online-readiness/>).

I will let you know of any important class information or changes to the schedule using the Announcements tool in Canvas. I recommend reviewing your [global Canvas Notification Settings](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcommunity.canvaslms.com%2Ft5%2FStudent-Guide%2FHow-do-I-set-my-Canvas-notification-preferences-as-a-student%2Fta-p%2F434&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb84)

(<https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcommunity.canvaslms.com%2Ft5%2FStudent-Guide%2FHow-do-I-set-my-Canvas-notification-preferences-as-a-student%2Fta-p%2F434&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb84>

and your [Course Notification Settings for this course](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcommunity.canvaslms.com%2Ft5%2FStudent-Guide%2FHow-do-I-manage-notifications-for-a-single-course-as-a-student%2Fta-p%2F430&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb84), (<https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcommunity.canvaslms.com%2Ft5%2FStudent-Guide%2FHow-do-I-manage-notifications-for-a-single-course-as-a-student%2Fta-p%2F430&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb84>

and setting the Announcement notifications to "notify me right away". You can also download the free Canvas Student App for iOS or Android devices and [connect your Canvas account](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcommunity.canvaslms.com%2Ft5%2FStudent-Guide%2FHow-do-I-view-a-QR-code-to-log-in-to-the-Canvas-mobile-apps-as-a%2Fta-p%2F420&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb84)

(<https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcommunity.canvaslms.com%2Ft5%2FStudent-Guide%2FHow-do-I-view-a-QR-code-to-log-in-to-the-Canvas-mobile-apps-as-a%2Fta-p%2F420&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb84>

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## Course Organization

This course is organized in weekly modules. New modules will become available to you on (or before) each Monday. Each module will be split into two time periods: before Thursday Zoom meetings and after Zoom meetings. You will be expected to complete a large portion of the module prior to the Thursday Zoom meetings. This pre-meeting portion will include readings, video lectures, other learning content, assignments, discussions, quizzes and other assignments. Thursday Zoom meetings will have additional course content including live lectures, Q&A, discussions, quizzes and other assignments. You must attend these Thursday Zoom meetings to earn these assignment points. After Thursday Zoom meetings, you will have additional course work including readings, videos, discussions, quizzes and other assignments that must be completed by Sunday at midnight. In addition to the weekly assignments, there will be two exams, one final exam, two article critiques, and two major projects. All of these exams and assignments that do not follow the weekly schedule will have due dates that do not coincide with the weekly schedule.

## Course Schedule

Tentative schedule below. Subject to change.

Week	Start Date	Topics	Assignments
1	25-Jan	Intro & PCP's Intro	
2	1-Feb	Mowing	Article Critique #1 Intro
3	8-Feb	Fertilization	
4	15-Feb	Irrigation	
5	22-Feb	Cultivation	Article Critique #1 Due
6	1-Mar	2nd Cultural Practices	
7	8-Mar	Pest Management: Weeds, Diseases, Insects & Nematodes	Article Critique #2 Intro
8	15-Mar	Turfgrass Physiology	
9	22-Mar	Cool-Season Turfgrasses II	
10	29-Mar	Warm-Season Turfgrasses	Article Critique #2 Due
11	5-Apr	Turfgrass Soils	Case Study Intro
12	12-Apr	Turfgrass Water Management	
13	19-Apr	Putting Green Management	Turfgrass Management Plan Draft Due for Peer Review
14	26-Apr	Athletic Field Management	Turfgrass Management Plan Peer Review Due
15	3-May	Turfgrass Stress	Case Study Due
Finals	10-May		Turfgrass Management Plan Due

**NOTE:** The deadline for withdrawing from a course is **Thursday, March 25, 2021**. Students may withdraw from the university (withdraw from all classes) through **Friday, May 7, 2021**. Dates vary for 8-week mini semester courses. (<https://records.nmsu.edu/important-dates-students/>)

## Grades: Structure

Assignment                      Course Value

**Quizzes**                                      15%

<b>Article Critiques</b>	15%
<b>30-min Papers</b>	5%
<b>Turf Management Plan Draft</b>	2.5%
<b>Turfgrass Management Plan</b>	15%
<b>Case Study Draft</b>	2.5%
<b>Case Study</b>	15%
<b>Midterm Exam</b>	10%
<b>Final Exam</b>	15%
<b>Problem Solving Exercises</b>	5%
<b>Extra Credit</b>	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

No plus/minus grades will be given. Grades are given based on total possible course points.

- A = 92% or higher
- B = 81% to 91%
- C = 70% to 80%
- D = 60% to 69%
- F = Below 60%

## Grades: Policies

### Final Exam

Final Exam will be an oral exam by Zoom meetings, individually with each student. Later in the semester, you will schedule your final exam during the Final Exam week. Final Exam is comprehensive.

### Attendance

Attendance is not required. However, points will be available during the live, Thursday Zoom meetings. These points will only be available during that Zoom meeting. No make up assignments for those points are allowed.

### Late Assignment and Make-up Work/Exams

Assignments must be submitted on or before their deadlines. Assignments submitted 1 minute up to 24 hours late will receive 50% of graded points. No assignments will receive points after 24 hours.

If students have a conflict that prevents them from submitting assignments by deadline due to an approved

NMSU activity, they will need to request an extension at least 5 business days before their absence. Extensions may or may not be approved. Documentation/proof of approved absence are required to be approved.

Emergencies do happen and I will consider make up assignments for emergencies on a case-by-case bases. Students must contact me as soon as they are able to contact me. Normal, daily conflicts do not count as an emergency.

## Multiple Submissions

When allowed, students may submit multiple submissions on many assignments. The most recent submission will be graded. In some cases, I will grade and provide feedback to student submissions, and request a student resubmit their submission. These assignments may or may not be regraded.

**Note: Grades in this course are assigned without Fractional Grading**

## Technology Policies

### Email & Other Communications

My preferred method of contact for all course contact is Canvas Inbox messaging, unless otherwise specified in a specific assignment. If you need to reach me, please use Canvas Inbox. I will make course [Announcements](#) when I contact you. I will respond to any communication within 24 hours during the business week, and by the end of the day on Monday for any weekend communications.

Your NMSU email account is the official means of communicating with the university. Information critical to your success at NMSU is delivered to you via this account, and you are expected to follow rules and policies provided to you via this communication method. Any email from you to the instructor should be sent either through the CANVAS course management system or through your official NMSU email account. Please be advised that due to privacy and security concerns, we are unable to respond to emails from or about students that do not originate from an official NMSU email address.

### Online Preparation

There are many different [recommendations](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.usnews.com%2Feducation%2Fonline-learning-lessons%2F2015%2F10%2F02%2Fdiscover-the-weekly-number-of-hours-online-students-study&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb84158) [for how much time](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.usnews.com%2Feducation%2Fonline-learning-lessons%2F2015%2F10%2F02%2Fdiscover-the-weekly-number-of-hours-online-students-study&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb84158) [a student should spend per week](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Flearnmore.uncg.edu%2Fblog%2Fbid%2F157407%2FHow-Much-Time-Should-One-Commit-To-Online-Degree-Coursework&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb84158) [hours-a-week-is-the-](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcollege.usatoday.com%2F2014%2F08%2F18%2Fhow-much-do-you-study-apparently-17-hours-a-week-is-the-)

[norm%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8](https://online.nmsu.edu/online-readiness/) in an online course. You should plan to spend between 8-12 hours per week reading, thinking, and completing the assignments. Find out if you are ready and have the skills necessary to succeed in the online learning environment by taking the [Online Learning Readiness Survey](https://online.nmsu.edu/online-readiness/) [\(https://online.nmsu.edu/online-readiness/\)](https://online.nmsu.edu/online-readiness/).

## Required Technical Skills

Taking an online course requires a number of technical skills as well as other soft skills. However, at a minimum you will need to meet certain technology responsibilities to complete work for this course. If you have questions about technical requirements for the course, please contact me immediately.

To begin in this course, you must:

1. Read this syllabus carefully and contact me immediately if you have any questions. You are responsible for the content and assignments in this syllabus.
2. Be able to obtain access to an internet connection, preferably broadband, and a working computer for the duration of this course.
3. Be Proficient with Microsoft© Office applications.
4. Be able to conduct research searches on the Internet; see the [libguide for this course](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fnmsu.libguides.com%2Fce1572&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8)  [\(https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fnmsu.libguides.com%2Fce1572&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8\)](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fnmsu.libguides.com%2Fce1572&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8), the [NMSU Library](http://lib.nmsu.edu/) [\(http://lib.nmsu.edu/\)](http://lib.nmsu.edu/) and [Research Help for Students](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fnmsu.libguides.com%2Fc.php%3Fg%3D206103%26p%3D1360063&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8)  [\(https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fnmsu.libguides.com%2Fc.php%3Fg%3D206103%26p%3D1360063&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8\)](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fnmsu.libguides.com%2Fc.php%3Fg%3D206103%26p%3D1360063&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8)
5. Find resources on the Internet; see [Internet Tutorials](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.internettutorials.net%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8)  [\(https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.internettutorials.net%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8\)](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.internettutorials.net%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8)
6. Be able to send and receive emails and email attachments in and out of class.
7. Know how to change your Canvas Notification settings.
8. Know how to read email in Canvas.
9. Know how to use Zoom meetings both [as student](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FI-NgrlxQVf4&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8)  [\(https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FI-NgrlxQVf4&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8\)](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FI-NgrlxQVf4&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8) and as discussion leader.
10. Maintain backups of all work you create for this course.

## Netiquette

Example of Web Netiquette Expectations

1. Always be polite and respectful online correspondences.
2. Do not attack. Listen gently to others views.
3. Pay attention to your word choice. Be sensitive to others.
4. Use spell check.
5. Text alone does not have tone and intent is often difficult to determine. Be mindful of how your writings

may be misconstrued by others.

6. Avoid using all caps. (All caps is considered to be shouting.)

## Technology Requirements

### Supported Software

- **Canvas LMS** (<https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcommunity.canvaslms.com%2Fdocs%2FDOC-10720-what-are-the-browser-and-computer-requirements-for-canvas&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8>)
- **Zoom** (<https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsupport.zoom.us%2Fhc%2Fen-us%2Farticles%2F201362023-System-requirements-for-Windows-macOS-and-Linux&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb84>)
- **Canvas Studio** (<https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcommunity.canvaslms.com%2Fdocs%2FDOC-14263-what-are-the-computer-specifications-for-canvas-studio&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8>)

### Computer and Operating System

- 4GB of RAM or higher
- Dual Core 2GHz or higher (Intel Core i5 processor or equivalent)
- Microphone (built-in, wired, USB, wireless or Bluetooth)
- Web camera (built-in or USB)

Operating System:

- Windows 10 or higher
- OS X 10.13 or higher

A list of Academic Technology favorite microphones and USB webcams can be found

at <https://learning.nmsu.edu/minimum-technology-requirements/> (<https://learning.nmsu.edu/minimum-technology-requirements/>)

### Internet

- Broadband connection (25 Mbps download, 3Mbps upload as defined by the [FCC](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcommunity.canvaslms.com%2Fdocs%2FDOC-14263-what-are-the-computer-specifications-for-canvas-studio&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8) (<https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcommunity.canvaslms.com%2Fdocs%2FDOC-14263-what-are-the-computer-specifications-for-canvas-studio&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8>))
- Wired connection (ethernet) preferred
- Stable wireless connection is acceptable
- Use the [NMSU Checs Speedtest](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcommunity.canvaslms.com%2Fdocs%2FDOC-14263-what-are-the-computer-specifications-for-canvas-studio&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8) (<https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcommunity.canvaslms.com%2Fdocs%2FDOC-14263-what-are-the-computer-specifications-for-canvas-studio&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8>)



[url=http%3A%2F%2Fspeedtest.checs.net%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e16999848](http://speedtest.checs.net&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e16999848)  
to test your internet speed

## Web Browsers

- Latest two versions of **Chrome** [\\_\(https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Fchrome%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8\)](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Fchrome%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8)
- Latest two versions of **Firefox** [\\_\(https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mozilla.org%2Fen-US%2Ffirefox%2Fnew%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8\)](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mozilla.org%2Fen-US%2Ffirefox%2Fnew%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8)
- Javascript must be enabled

Use only the latest version of Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox for Canvas. Safari, Internet Explorer and Microsoft Edge have known issues that can interfere with performing basic tasks within Canvas. The links to ensure you have the latest version are listed below:

- **How to update Google Chrome** [\\_\(https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsupport.google.com%2Fchrome%2Fanswer%2F95414%3Fco%3DGENIE.Platform%253DD\)](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsupport.google.com%2Fchrome%2Fanswer%2F95414%3Fco%3DGENIE.Platform%253DD)
- **How to update Mozilla Firefox** [\\_\(https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsupport.mozilla.org%2Fen-US%2Fkb%2Fupdate-firefox-latest-release%3Fredirectlocale%3Den-US%26redirectslug%3Dupdate-firefox-latest-version&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8\)](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsupport.mozilla.org%2Fen-US%2Fkb%2Fupdate-firefox-latest-release%3Fredirectlocale%3Den-US%26redirectslug%3Dupdate-firefox-latest-version&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8)

## Accessibility of eLearning Tools

Some general or common VPAT links. Add or revise as needed.

- **Adobe Products: Section 508 VPATs for (Adobe Connect 9, Adobe Acrobat, and more)** [\\_\(https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.adobe.com%2Faccessibility%2Fcompliance.html&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8\)](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.adobe.com%2Faccessibility%2Fcompliance.html&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8)
- **Apple Products: Section 508 VPATs for** [\\_\(https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.apple.com%2Faccessibility%2Fresources%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8\)](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.apple.com%2Faccessibility%2Fresources%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8)  
(Safari Web Browser, Mac OS X, and more)
- **Microsoft Products: Section 508 VPATs for** [\\_\(https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.microsoft.com%2Fgovernment%2Fen-us%2Fproducts%2Fsection508%2FPages%2Fdefault.aspx&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8\)](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.microsoft.com%2Fgovernment%2Fen-us%2Fproducts%2Fsection508%2FPages%2Fdefault.aspx&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8)  
(Internet Explorer, Office, Skype, and more)
- **Google Products: Section 508 VPATs for** [\\_\(https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Faccessibility%2Fpolicy%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8\)](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Faccessibility%2Fpolicy%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8)  
(Google Earth, Chrome Web Browser, Google Docs, and more)
- **Firefox Web Browser: Section 508 VPAT (version 3.5 and up)** [\\_\(https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mozilla.org%2Fen-US%2Ffirefox%2Fvpats%2F3.html&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8\)](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mozilla.org%2Fen-US%2Ffirefox%2Fvpats%2F3.html&data=04%7C01%7Cryangoss%40nmsu.edu%7C83187e1699984845a62e08d8be3c7663%7Ca3ec87a89fb8)

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## Discrimination and Disability Accommodation

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### Main Campus

Student Accessibility Services (SAS)  
 Corbett Center Student Union Room 208  
 Jesse Haas, Interim Director  
 575-646-6840

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