

Sage Journals

Accessibility Conformance Report

(Based on VPAT® Version 2.4)

Name of Product/Version: Sage Journals

Website: <https://journals.sagepub.com/>

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Product Description: Based on the Atypon platform, the mission of the Sage Journals program is to build bridges to knowledge. Twenty disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences and the Science, Technical, and Medical fields are represented in a portfolio of more than 1,100 journals.

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Notes: This Accessibility Conformance Report is based on a comprehensive assessment performed on representative pages of the website.

Evaluation Methods Used:

The accessibility assessment was comprised of the following steps:

- I. A sighted accessibility expert conducted an overall technical analysis in order to identify issues of technical compliance that would affect mobility impaired, deaf/hearing impaired and low vision users. The evaluator inspected each screen using Google Chrome browsers with the Wave and aXe toolbars. Code analysis was conducted using browser Developer Tools.
- II. Keyboard accessibility analysis (for mobility and physically impaired users) was conducted by attempting to thoroughly navigate the Web Application through the keyboard, without using a mouse, using Google Chrome, Firefox, and Safari browsers.
- III. For deaf and hard of hearing users, any audio content was assessed for proper captioning.

- IV. The accessibility for low vision users was evaluated three ways: (1) using the screen magnification, palette, and contrast controls provided by the operating systems; (2) using the font resizing capability offered by the browser, and (3) using Color Contrast Analyzer version 2.2.
- V. An evaluator who is legally blind conducted the screen reader testing. The goal was to identify accessibility barriers that are likely to be experienced by users who are blind. The evaluator worked through the Web Application using the JAWS and NVDA screen readers with Google Chrome.
- VI. Any usability issues for users with disabilities encountered during the accessibility assessments in Steps I-V were noted for subsequent mention.

Applicable Standards/Guidelines

This report covers the degree of conformance for the following accessibility standard/guidelines:

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)
Revised Section 508 standards published January 18, 2017 and corrected January 22, 2018	(Yes)
EN 301 549 Accessibility requirements suitable for public procurement of ICT products and services in Europe , - V3.1.1 (2019-11)	(Yes)

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 in WCAG 2.0 Level AAA.

WCAG 2.1 Report

Tables 1 and 2 also document conformance with:

- EN 301 549: Chapter 9 - Web, Sections 10.1-10.4 of Chapter 10 - Non-Web documents, and Sections 11.1-11.4 and 11.8.2 of Chapter 11 - Non-Web Software (open and closed functionality), and Sections 12.1.2 and 12.2.4 of Chapter 12 – Documentation
- Revised Section 508: Chapter 5 – 501.1 Scope, 504.2 Content Creation or Editing, and Chapter 6 – 602.3 Electronic Support Documentation.

Note: When reporting on conformance with the WCAG 2.1 Success Criteria, they are scoped for full pages, complete processes, and accessibility-supported ways of using technology as documented in the [WCAG 2.0 Conformance Requirements](#).

Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<p><u>1.1.1 Non-text Content</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.1.1 (Web) 10.1.1.1 (Non-web document) 11.1.1.1.1 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.1.1.2 (Closed Functionality Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Partially Supports	<p>Some decorative images, including icons, are unlabeled.</p> <p>CAPTCHA with audio fallback is used in various user flows, including registration and purchasing, making them inaccessible for users who are deafblind.</p>
<p><u>1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded)</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.2.1 (Web) 10.1.2.1 (Non-web document) 11.1.2.1.1 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.2.1.2.1 and 11.1.2.1.2.2 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Does Not Support	<p>Audio content (Podcasts) does not have transcripts. Note: This is outside Sage control as this content is provided by 3rd parties.</p>
<p><u>1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded)</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.2.2 (Web) 10.1.2.2 (Non-web document) 11.1.2.2 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.2.2 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 	Does Not Support	<p>Most video content does not have closed captions. YouTube content has auto-generated captions. Note: This is outside Sage control as this content is provided by 3rd parties.</p>

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 602.3 (Support Docs) 		
<p><u>1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded)</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.2.3 (Web) 10.1.2.3 (Non-web document) 11.1.2.3.1 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.2.3.2 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Does Not Support	No audio descriptions or transcripts are provided. Note: This is outside Sage control as this content is provided by 3rd parties.
<p><u>1.3.1 Info and Relationships</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.3.1 (Web) 10.1.3.1 (Non-web document) 11.1.3.1.1 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.3.1.2 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Partially Supports	<p>Some pages and elements are not marked with semantic and hierarchical heading structure. Some labels and error messages are not correctly associated with controls.</p> <p>Carousel reads out card as having an h1. This goes against best practice of having one h1 per page. Carousel also reads out each card as being part of a list with 3 items, which can be confusing given that SR also announces the slide being number x of 9.</p>
<p><u>1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.3.2 (Web) 10.1.3.2 (Non-web document) 11.1.3.2.1 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.3.2.2 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	Pages tested meet this WCAG criterion.
<p><u>1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p>	Supports	Sensory characteristics are not used.

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EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.3.3 (Web) 10.1.3.3 (Non-web document) 11.1.3.3 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.3.3 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 		
1.4.1 Use of Color (Level A) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.4.1 (Web) 10.1.4.1 (Non-web document) 11.1.4.1 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.4.1 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	
1.4.2 Audio Control (Level A) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.4.2 (Web) 10.1.4.2 (Non-web document) 11.1.4.2 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.4.2 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	The product does not contain any audio that plays automatically.
2.1.1 Keyboard (Level A) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.2.1.1 (Web) 10.2.1.1 (Non-web document) 11.2.1.1.1 (Open Functionality Software) 	Partially Supports	Most elements are accessible via keyboard. However, the podcast player seek bar and left/right arrows on carousel on discipline hub pages are still keyboard inoperable.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11.2.1.1.2 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 		
2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap (Level A) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.2.1.2 (Web) 10.2.1.2 (Non-web document) 11.2.1.2 (Open Functionality Software) 11.2.1.2 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	No keyboard traps exist in the product.
2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts (Level A 2.1 only) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.2.1.4 (Web) 10.2.1.4 (Non-web document) 11.2.1.4.1 (Open Functionality Software) 11.2.1.4.2 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Supports	The product does not utilize single character key shortcuts.
2.2.1 Timing Adjustable (Level A) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.2.2.1 (Web) 10.2.2.1 (Non-web document) 11.2.2.1 (Open Functionality Software) 11.2.2.1 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 	Supports	The product does not have content that is subject to a time limit.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 602.3 (Support Docs) 		
<p><u>2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.2.2.2 (Web) 10.2.2.2 (Non-web document) 11.2.2.2 (Open Functionality Software) 11.2.2.2 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	Carousels are manually controlled.
<p><u>2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.2.3.1 (Web) 10.2.3.1 (Non-web document) 11.2.3.1 (Open Functionality Software) 11.2.3.1 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	The product did not have any flashing content on the pages tested.
<p><u>2.4.1 Bypass Blocks</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.2.4.1 (Web) 10.2.4.1 (Non-web document) – Does not apply 11.2.4.1 (Open Functionality Software) – Does not apply 11.2.4.1 (Closed Software) – Does not apply 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) – Does not apply to non-web software 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 	Supports	Skip links work across pages tested.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 602.3 (Support Docs) – Does not apply to non-web docs 		
<p>2.4.2 Page Titled (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.2.4.2 (Web) 10.2.4.2 (Non-web document) 11.2.4.2 (Open Functionality Software) - Does not apply 11.2.4.2 (Closed Software) – Does not apply 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	Page titles describe topic or purpose.
<p>2.4.3 Focus Order (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.2.4.3 (Web) 10.2.4.3 (Non-web document) 11.2.4.3 (Open Functionality Software) 11.2.4.3 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Partially Supports	<p>Most focusable elements are ordered meaningfully and sequentially.</p> <p>Only remaining item is the carousel on the discipline hubs pages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When tabbing to the carousel, focus doesn't land on l/r arrows. - When tabbing through the carousel, focus lands on the card, then lands on the next card after tabbing again, and then lands on Show All after tabbing again. - When using arrow keys to navigate between carousel cards, focus moves to the top arrow keys (l/r). When tabbing, the next item that receives focus is not the carousel card.
<p>2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context) (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.2.4.4 (Web) 10.2.4.4 (Non-web document) 11.2.4.4 (Open Functionality Software) 11.2.4.4 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 	Supports	The purpose of most links can be determined either from link text alone or from context.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 602.3 (Support Docs) 		
<u>2.5.1 Pointer Gestures</u> (Level A 2.1 only) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.2.5.1 (Web) 10.2.5.1 (Non-web document) 11.2.5.1 (Open Functionality Software) 11.2.5.1 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Supports	The product does not require multipoint or path-base gestures.
<u>2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation</u> (Level A 2.1 only) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.2.5.2 (Web) 10.2.5.2 (Non-web document) 11.2.5.2 (Open Functionality Software) 11.2.5.2 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Supports	Pointer action can be cancelled by moving off active element before lifting pointer.
<u>2.5.3 Label in Name</u> (Level A 2.1 only) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.2.5.3 (Web) 10.2.5.3 (Non-web document) 11.2.5.3.1 (Open Functionality Software) 11.2.5.3.2 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Supports	Criterion met on all pages tested.
<u>2.5.4 Motion Actuation</u> (Level A 2.1 only) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.2.5.4 (Web) 10.2.5.4 (Non-web document) 11.2.5.4 (Open Functionality Software) 11.2.5.4 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Not Applicable	The product does not contain functionality dependent on device or user motion.
<u>3.1.1 Language of Page</u> (Level A)	Supports	The language of page is correctly defined.

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<p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.3.1.1 (Web) 10.3.1.1 (Non-web document) 11.3.1.1.1 (Open Functionality Software) 11.3.1.1.2 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 		
<p>3.2.1 On Focus (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.3.2.1 (Web) 10.3.2.1 (Non-web document) 11.3.2.1 (Open Functionality Software) 11.3.2.1 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	No user interface components initiate a change of context on focus.
<p>3.2.2 On Input (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.3.2.2 (Web) 10.3.2.2 (Non-web document) 11.3.2.2 (Open Functionality Software) 11.3.2.2 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	Criterion met on all pages tested.
<p>3.3.1 Error Identification (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.3.3.1 (Web) 10.3.3.1 (Non-web document) 	Supports	Error messages are provided.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11.3.3.1.1 (Open Functionality Software) 11.3.3.1.2 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 		
3.3.2 Labels or Instructions (Level A) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.3.3.2 (Web) 10.3.3.2 (Non-web document) 11.3.3.2 (Open Functionality Software) 11.3.3.2 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Partially Supports	Some form fields are unlabeled or are not labeled in an informative manner.
3.2.6 Consistent Help (Level A 2.2 only)	Supports	Help placement is consistent across all pages.
3.3.7 Redundant Entry (Level A 2.2 only)	Supports	Criterion met across pages tested.
4.1.1 Parsing (Level A) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.4.1.1 (Web) 10.4.1.1 (Non-web document) 11.4.1.1.1 (Open Functionality Software) 11.4.1.1.2 (Closed Software) – Does not apply 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	Coded elements are written to HTML5 standards. All elements have both open and close tags and there are no duplicate IDs, with the only exception being duplicate IDs in some of the reused svg icons, which does not affect accessibility.
4.1.2 Name, Role, Value (Level A) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.4.1.2 (Web) 10.4.1.2 (Non-web document) 	Partially Supports	A number of custom controls (drop-down, expandable/collapsible, tabbed interfaces, dialogs) do not conform to established ARIA patterns.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11.4.1.2.1 (Open Functionality Software) 11.4.1.2.2 (Closed Software) – Not required 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 		<p>Some interactive controls are not marked up as such.</p> <p>Most significant issue is the use of custom “menu” elements in place of standard <select> controls throughout the site. These custom controls are not consistently implemented and are difficult to impossible to use for assistive technology users.</p>

Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<p>1.2.4 Captions (Live) (Level AA)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.2.4 (Web) 10.1.2.4 (Non-web document) 11.1.2.4 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.2.4 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Not Applicable	No live video content is used in the product.
<p>1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AA)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.2.5 (Web) 10.1.2.5 (Non-web document) 11.1.2.5 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.2.5 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Does Not Support	No audio descriptions are provided. Note: This is outside Sage control as this content is provided by 3rd parties.

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<u>1.3.4 Orientation</u> (Level AA 2.1 only) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.3.4 (Web) 10.1.3.4 (Non-web document) 11.1.3.4 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.3.4 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Supports	Content is not restricted to a specific display orientation.
<u>1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose</u> (Level AA 2.1 only) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.3.5 (Web) 10.1.3.5 (Non-web document) 11.1.3.5.1 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.3.5.2 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Supports	Criterion met across pages tested.
<u>1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum)</u> (Level AA) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.4.3 (Web) 10.1.4.3 (Non-web document) 11.1.4.3 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.4.3 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Partially Supports	A small number of elements have insufficient color contrast. Q2 2023: "Privacy" link now has sufficient contrast on Log In page. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cookie messaging links now have sufficient contrast in Privacy modal. 04/2024: Edit link in Save Search now has sufficient contrast.
<u>1.4.4 Resize text</u> (Level AA) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.4.4 (Web) 10.1.4.4 (Non-web document) 11.1.4.4.1 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.4.4.2 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) 	Supports	The product supports browser text resizing and browser zoom.

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1.4.5 Images of Text (Level AA) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.4.5 (Web) 10.1.4.5 (Non-web document) 11.1.4.5.1 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.4.5.2 (Closed Software) – Does not apply 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	No images of text are used, except where essential.
1.4.10 Reflow (Level AA 2.1 only) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.4.10 (Web) 10.1.4.10 (Non-web document) 11.1.4.10 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.4.10 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Supports	Pages can be scaled down to 320px or scaled up to 400% zoom without loss of content or horizontal scrolling. The only exception are data tables that require horizontal scrolling. This is a necessary exception per WCAG.
1.4.11 Non-text Contrast (Level AA 2.1 only) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.4.11 (Web) 10.1.4.11 (Non-web document) 11.1.4.11 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.4.11 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Partially Supports	Some focus indicators (on dark color button and video player controls) have insufficient color contrast.
1.4.12 Text Spacing (Level AA 2.1 only) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.4.12 (Web) 10.1.4.12 (Non-web document) 	Supports	The product supports increased text spacing without loss of content or functionality.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11.1.4.12 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.4.12 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 – Does not apply		
<p><u>1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus</u> (Level AA 2.1 only)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1.4.13 (Web) 10.1.4.13 (Non-web document) 11.1.4.13 (Open Functionality Software) 11.1.4.13 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Supports	Criterion met across pages tested.
<p><u>2.4.5 Multiple Ways</u> (Level AA)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.2.4.5 (Web) 10.2.4.5 (Non-web document) – Does not apply 11.2.4.5 (Open Functionality Software) – Does not apply 11.2.4.5 (Closed Software) – Does not apply 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) – Does not apply to non-web software 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) – Does not apply to non-web docs 	Supports	Unless they are steps in the process, there are multiple ways of navigating to pages in the product.
<p><u>2.4.6 Headings and Labels</u> (Level AA)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.2.4.6 (Web) 10.2.4.6 (Non-web document) 11.2.4.6 (Open Functionality Software) 11.2.4.6 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508	Partially Supports	<p>Some pages and modals do not have a hierarchical and informative heading structure.</p> <p>Some labels are not informative, or not correctly associated with fields.</p>

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 		
2.4.7 Focus Visible (Level AA) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.2.4.7 (Web) 10.2.4.7 (Non-web document) 11.2.4.7 (Open Functionality Software) 11.2.4.7 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Partially Supports	A focus indicator is displayed for nearly all interactive elements.
2.4.11 Focus Not Obscured (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	Focus is not obscured across the pages tested.
2.5.7 Dragging Movements (Level AA 2.2 only)	N/A	Dragging movements are not required in SJ.
2.5.8 Target Size (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)	Partially Supports	Dots indicating slides on the carousel on the discipline hub pages are very small to select with a mouse or finger, and can be an added confusion for SR users as they are redundant.
3.1.2 Language of Parts (Level AA) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.3.1.2 (Web) 10.3.1.2 (Non-web document) 11.3.1.2 (Open Functionality Software) – Does not apply 11.3.1.2 (Closed Software) – Does not apply 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	Language is indicated via markup wherever it's different from main page content.
3.2.3 Consistent Navigation (Level AA) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.3.2.3 (Web) 	Supports	The navigation elements stay consistent in this product.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10.3.2.3 (Non-web document) – Does not apply 11.3.2.3 (Open Functionality Software) – Does not apply 11.3.2.3 (Closed Software) – Does not apply 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) – Does not apply to non-web software 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) – Does not apply to non-web docs 		
<u>3.2.4 Consistent Identification</u> (Level AA) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.3.2.4 (Web) 10.3.2.4 (Non-web document) – Does not apply 11.3.2.4 (Open Functionality Software) – Does not apply 11.3.2.4 (Closed Software) – Does not apply 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) – Does not apply to non-web software 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) – Does not apply to non-web docs 	Supports	Criterion met across the pages tested.
<u>3.3.3 Error Suggestion</u> (Level AA) Also applies to: EN 301 549 Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.3.3.3 (Web) 10.3.3.3 (Non-web document) 11.3.3.3 (Open Functionality Software) 11.3.3.3 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 	Partially Supports	Most error messages are not associated with the fields.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 602.3 (Support Docs) 		
<p>3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data) (Level AA)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.3.3.4 (Web) 10.3.3.4 (Non-web document) 11.3.3.4 (Open Functionality Software) 11.3.3.4 (Closed Software) 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	The product does not contain protected legal or financial data.
<p>3.3.8 Accessible Authentication (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)</p>	Partially Supports	Users can copy and paste their password or use a password manager. Users are asked to verify they are human using a non-image captcha; however, this captcha does offer an audio option and the option to refresh to new text. The same experience is found in the check-out process when providing credit card information—users must complete a non-image captcha with an audio option.
<p>4.1.3 Status Messages (Level AA 2.1 only)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>EN 301 549 Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.4.1.3 (Web) 10.4.1.3 (Non-web document) 11.4.1.3 (Open Functionality Software) 11.4.1.3 (Closed Software) – Does not apply 11.8.2 (Authoring Tool) 12.1.2 (Product Docs) 12.2.4 (Support Docs) <p>Revised Section 508 – Does not apply</p>	Supports	Criterion met across the pages tested.

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Chapter 3: [Functional Performance Criteria \(FPC\)](#)

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Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
302.1 Without Vision	Partially Supports	Most functions are accessible for these users; however, many will be difficult to use. Most significant barriers are those created by inconsistent and non-conventional custom controls, as well as CAPTCHA.
302.2 With Limited Vision	Partially Supports	Most functions are accessible for these users.
302.3 Without Perception of Color	Supports	This product does not require perception of color to operate.
302.4 Without Hearing	Partially Supports	Most functions are accessible for these users, with the exception of podcast and video content. Users who are deafblind will not be able to register or purchase access due to CAPTCHA.
302.5 With Limited Hearing	Partially Supports	Most functions are accessible for these users, with the exception of podcast and video content. Users who are blind and have limited hearing may not be able to register or purchase access due to CAPTCHA.
302.6 Without Speech	Supports	Use of speech is not required to operate the product.
302.7 With Limited Manipulation	Supports	Most functions are operable with keyboard.
302.8 With Limited Reach and Strength	Supports	Most functions are operable with keyboard.
302.9 With Limited Language, Cognitive, and Learning Abilities	Supports	The product uses consistent navigation. The product supports the use of text spacing.

Chapter 6: Support Documentation and Services

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
601.1 Scope	Heading cell – no response required	Heading cell – no response required
<u>602 Support Documentation</u>	Heading cell – no response required	Heading cell – no response required
602.2 Accessibility and Compatibility Features	Supports	Accessibility documentation is available on Accessibility Documentation page. VPAT is available upon request to Online.Accessibility@sagepub.com
602.3 Electronic Support Documentation	See WCAG 2.1 section	See information in WCAG 2.1 section
602.4 Alternate Formats for Non-Electronic Support Documentation	Does Not Support	Product support information is not available in alternative formats.
<u>603 Support Services</u>	Heading cell – no response required	Heading cell – no response required
603.2 Information on Accessibility and Compatibility Features	Supports	Accessibility documentation is available on Accessibility Documentation page. VPAT is available upon request to Online.Accessibility@sagepub.com
603.3 Accommodation of Communication Needs	Partially Supports	Support is provided via a support website or email.

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Chapter 4: Functional Performance Statements (FPS)

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Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
4.2.1 Usage without vision	Partially Supports	Most functions are accessible for these users; however, many will be difficult to use. Most significant barriers are those created by inconsistent and non-conventional custom controls, as well as CAPTCHA.
4.2.2 Usage with limited vision	Partially Supports	Most functions are accessible for these users.
4.2.3 Usage without perception of colour	Supports	This product does not require perception of color to operate.
4.2.4 Usage without hearing	Partially Supports	Most functions are accessible for these users, with the exception of podcast and video content due to lack of transcripts and close captions. Users who are deafblind will not be able to register or purchase access due to CAPTCHA.
4.2.5 Usage with limited hearing	Partially Supports	Most functions are accessible for these users, with the exception of podcast and video content. Users who are blind and have limited hearing may not be able to register or purchase access due to CAPTCHA.
4.2.6 Usage with no or limited vocal capability	Supports	Use of speech is not required to operate the product.
4.2.7 Usage with limited manipulation or strength	Supports	Most functions are operable with keyboard or keyboard emulation.
4.2.8 Usage with limited reach	Supports	Most functions are operable with keyboard or keyboard emulation.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
4.2.9 Minimize photosensitive seizure triggers	Partially Supports	No seizure triggers in the product on the pages tested; however, although unlikely, there may exist such content on other pages.
4.2.10 Usage with limited cognition, language or learning	Supports	The product uses consistent navigation. The product supports the use of text spacing.
4.2.11 Privacy	Supports	Privacy controls are provided.

Chapter [9: Web](#) (see [WCAG 2.x section](#))

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Chapter [12: Documentation and Support Services](#)

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Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
12.1 Product documentation	Heading cell – no response required	Heading cell – no response required
12.1.1 Accessibility and compatibility features	Supports	Accessibility documentation is available on Accessibility Documentation page. VPAT is available upon request to Online.Accessibility@sagepub.com.
12.1.2 Accessible documentation	See WCAG 2.x section	See information in WCAG 2.x section
12.2 Support Services	Heading cell – no response required	Heading cell – no response required
12.2.2 Information on accessibility and compatibility features	Supports	Accessibility documentation is available on Accessibility Documentation page. VPAT is available upon request to Online.Accessibility@sagepub.com
12.2.3 Effective communication	Supports	
12.2.4 Accessible documentation	See WCAG 2.x section	See information in WCAG 2.x section

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