

# Accessible Word Documents

# Why?

- Low or no vision
- Color Blindness
- Dyslexia
- Learning Disabilities
- Traumatic Brain Injuries (Concussions)
- Chronic Medical Conditions (Migraines)
- Everyone else!

# 1. Fonts

Use Sans Serif Fonts  
Minimum size: 12

San Serif Font (Arial)  
Serif Font (Georgia)

## 2. Color

Check for good color contrast







Avoid Dark Green / Black

Avoid Blue / Black



Avoid Shades of Gray

Do not use color alone  
to convey meaning

Required

\*Required\*

**Bold, italics, underline are not typically  
indicated by a screen reader.**



# 3. Styles

- Use Title, Heading, 1, 2, 3,...
- Adds structure to document
- Create a table of content

**Introduction to Feminist Theory**  
**with Prof. Elizabeth Markovits**  
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**Tues & Thurs 10-11:15am**

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**How to Find Me:** [Office Hours by appt.](#) in Skinner 110

**Course Website:** <https://moodle.mtholyoke.edu/course/view.php?id=13188>

**What You'll Learn**

- Learn how different feminist theorists analyze social problems and conditions through the lens of gender, using the vocabulary of contemporary feminist theory
- Critically assess contemporary feminist theories and their implications for political practice by evaluating their assumptions and expectations
- Understand theory itself as a practice, and hone your ability to investigate society and politics from a feminist perspective
- Develop the ability to imagine and evaluate alternative social practices in order to engage in more thoughtful and active citizenship
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# 4. Other Stuff

## Use “bullet” and “column” tools

- Sometimes called “true” bullets” or “true columns”
- Avoid formatting by adding spaces, tabs, hyphens. Use page breaks!
- Screen readers will read “List of three items. 1, 2, 3”

# Create meaningful hyperlinks

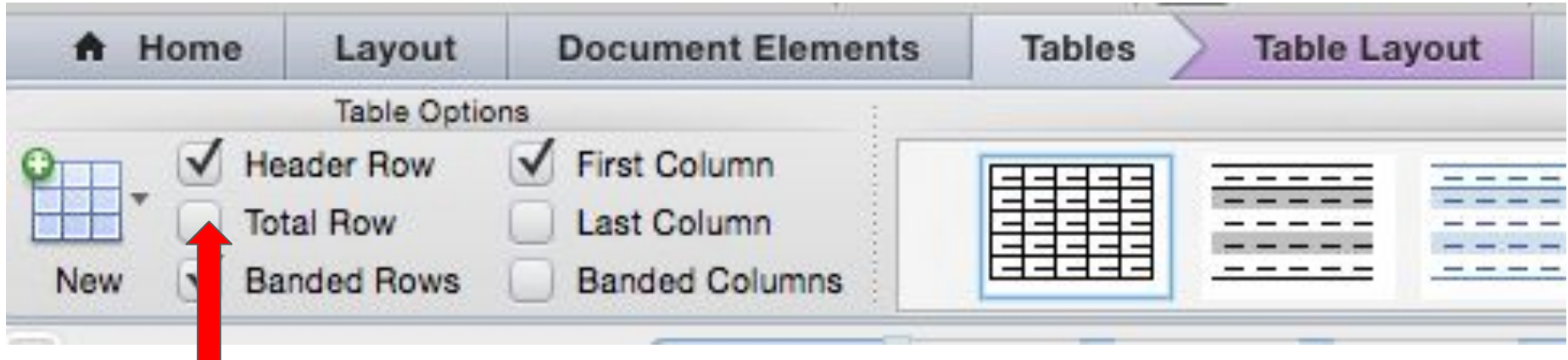
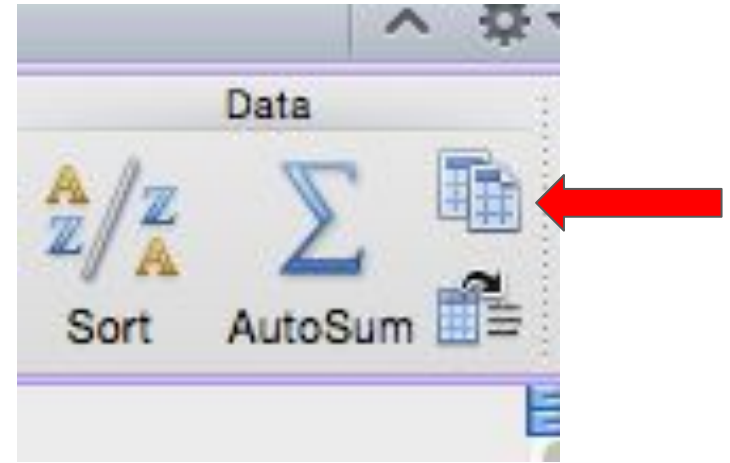
- BAD: Fascinating journal article can be found [here](#).  
(screen reader: here, here, here)
- GOOD: Here's a link to a [fascinating journal article](#)  
(screen reader: "Fascinating journal article")
- EVEN BETTER: Here's a link to a [fascinating journal article](#).  
([www.fascinatingarticle.com](http://www.fascinatingarticle.com))(Screen reader reads meaningful link & web address helpful for those who print their syllabus)

# Create Accessible Table

Use the Table Tool

Designate a Header Row

Repeat Header Rows





Add descriptions to images  
“Alternative Text”

In general:

1. Right click on image
2. Look for “format picture”
3. Look for “alt text”



- Cut ⌘X
- Copy ⌘C
- Paste ⌘V
- Change Picture...
- Save as Picture...
- Arrange ▶
- Grouping ▶
- Align or Distribute ▶
- Wrap Text ▶
- Insert Caption...
- Format Picture... ←
- Hyperlink... ⌘K

## Format Picture

- Fill
- Line
- Shadow
- Glow & Soft Edges
- Reflection
- 3-D Format
- 3-D Rotation
- Adjust Picture
- Artistic Filters
- Crop
- Text Box
- Size
- Layout
- Alt Text**

Alt Text \_\_\_\_\_

Title:

Description:

You can type alt text for tables, diagrams, images, and other objects. Screen readers can then read the alt text to people who may have difficulty seeing the objects.

The screen reader first reads the title. The person can then decide whether to hear a longer description.

Cancel

OK

# 5. Word to PDF

**BAD: Print to PDF**

**GOOD: Save to PDF**

\*retains all of the work you've done to make your syllabus  
wonderfully accessible!

