Universal Design at University of Arizona

The University of Arizona is committed to an inclusive and welcoming experience for all students, staff, faculty, and guests. As part of the Digital and Physical Access Team with the Disability Resource Center on campus, we proactively remove barriers to access and reduce the need for individual accommodations in physical, work, and academic environments as well as events and programs by influencing with Universal Design (UD). UD is the design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design (Ron Mace, 1985). While this concept was born out of architecture and design, it’s also important in the learning environment. Come and learn about how by including UD as a foundation for designing University experiences, we increase the level of inclusion and participation for all.
The Digital and Physical Access Team consults with campus regarding accessibility and universal design in the physical, digital, work, and academic environments. This team regularly presents to a variety of groups on campus around accessible design.