



Finding OER to Use in Your Courses

Many OERs exist, including full textbooks and courses, multimedia resources, and primary sources.

Video: [How to Find and Evaluate OER](https://youtu.be/FbwuMQM-NG8): <https://youtu.be/FbwuMQM-NG8>

Four easy steps to look for open content:

1. Identify keywords related to your course and its learning outcomes and/or objectives.
2. Search OER repositories for relevant resources.
3. Review the resources you've located for fit, currency, and accessibility.
4. Reflect on the materials you have found.

Aggregated OER Collections

- [ASCCC OERI Discipline Collections](#): Resource summaries by TMC and CSU GE/C-ID or discipline
 - <https://asccc-oeri.org/oer-resources-by-tmc-2/>
 - <https://asccc-oeri.org/open-educational-resources-by-discipline/>
- [Cool4ED](#): California Open Online Library for Education aggregates searches across several collections
 - <https://www.cool4ed.org/>
- [LibreTexts](#): Comprehensive textbook library allows for curation and creation of open textbooks and resources.
 - <https://libretexts.org/>
- [MERLOT](#): provides access to thousands of discipline-specific learning materials from the member community.
 - <https://www.merlot.org/merlot/index.htm>
- [OASIS](#): Allows search for OER from hundreds of sources.
 - <https://oasis.geneseo.edu/>
- [Open Oregon](#): Aggregates proprietary and openly licensed materials by course name, institution, and instructor information.
 - <https://openoregon.org/resources/>
- [OER Commons](#): A public library of OER with tools for content authoring and remixing.
 - <https://oercommons.org/>

Open Media Collections

- [Creative Commons Image Search](#): Openly licensed still images, music, and videos across several repositories, including YouTube, Google, SoundCloud, and more.

- <https://ccsearch.creativecommons.org/>
- **Getty Institute Open Images:** Searchable database of Creative Commons licensed images.
 - <http://search.getty.edu/gateway/landing>
- **Library of Congress:** Millions of books, recordings, photographs, newspapers, maps, and manuscripts—all in the public domain for use and reuse by all.
 - <http://www.loc.gov/>

Open Data Collections

- **Data.gov:** Comprises U.S. federal data with links to U.S. states, cities and counties with web sites that provide open data.
 - <https://www.data.gov/open-gov/>
- **PLOS:** Science and medicine research articles with images, figures, tables, and graphs, all licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution license that allows for adaptations and derivatives.
 - <https://www.plos.org/>
- **World Bank Open Data:** Global development data that is free and openly licensed.
 - <https://data.worldbank.org/>
- **ASCCC OERI:** Curated collection on Flickr and curated diversity and inclusion image sites
 - <https://asccc-oeri.org/image-sources/>

Open Textbooks

- **Open SUNY Textbooks:** State University of New York's collection of faculty authored and peer-reviewed open textbooks.
 - <https://milneopentextbooks.org/>
- **OpenStax Textbooks:** AP-level open textbooks spanning multiple subjects that are developed and peer-reviewed by educators.
 - <https://openstax.org/>
- **Open Textbook Library (UMN):** A peer-reviewed collection of hundreds of open textbooks spanning multiple subjects. All textbooks are quality-reviewed by faculty from a variety of institutions.
 - <https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks>

Find additional OER-related information at [ASCCC-OERI.org](https://asccc-oeri.org) or contact Shagun Kaur or Cathy Patel

References:

- Abbey Elder OER Starter Kit: <https://iastate.pressbooks.pub/oerstarterkit/>



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