

# OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER)

The Library supports UVU Faculty with the adoption of Open Educational Resources (OER) by providing subject librarians to help locate appropriate resources.

## Why OER: Some Quick Facts

7 in 10 students have chosen not to purchase a textbook because of cost and 78 percent of those students expected to perform worse without that textbook.

College textbook prices have risen 1,041 percent since 1977 even though overall inflation rose only 308 percent.

→ [The Chronicle of Higher Education: 7 in 10 Students Have Skipped Buying a Textbook Because of its Cost](#)

## What is Open Education?

"Open education is a philosophy about the way people should produce, share, and build on knowledge. Proponents of open education believe everyone in the world should have access to high-quality educational experiences and resources, and they work to eliminate barriers to this goal. Such barriers might include high monetary costs, outdated or obsolete materials, and legal mechanisms that prevent collaboration among scholars and educators. Promoting collaboration is central to open education. As the Open Education Consortium says: "sharing is probably the most basic characteristic of education: education is sharing knowledge, insights and information with others, upon which new knowledge, skills, ideas and understanding can be built." ([OpenSource.com: What is Open Education?](#))

"Open Educational Resources are teaching, learning, and research resources released under an open license that permits their free use and repurposing by others. OER can be full courses, course materials, lesson plans, open textbooks, learning objects, videos, games, tests, software, or any other tool, material, or technique that supports access to knowledge." ([Open Education: SPARC](#))

## Getting Started

- [Getting Started with OER PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- [Open Textbook Library](#)
  - "The Open Textbook Library provides a growing catalog of free, *peer-reviewed*, and openly licensed text books."
- [UVU Office of Teaching and Learning \(OTL\)](#)
  - OTL can help with the design, implementation and pedagogical effectiveness for the use of OER.

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