

A Quick Guide to Open Educational Resources (OERs)

What are OERs?

Image: Three blue birds

Freely Available

Most are legal to copy, adapt, and redistribute semester after semester.

Image: PD inside circle

Open

“Open means openly licensed, meaning they are in the public domain or the copyright holder has abridged rights to eliminate barriers to access/use/derivative works.

Image: CC inside a circle

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Why are OERs and other types of affordable content important?

Image: Calendar page with number 1

Course materials are freely available on the class FIRST DAY OF CLASS

Image: blue, yellow, and pink balloons

INCREASES

In Retention, Completion, and Grade Point Average

Image: Dollar bill inside a descending arrow

COST SAVING

In 2016-17, \$36 million dollars in textbook cost for students across the Cal State system

Als.csuprojects.org

Image: LED yellow bulb

Increases opportunities for creativity collaboration and INNOVATIVE TEACHING

Affordable Content beyond OERs

Image: book Academic Journal Quarterly planet with and orb
LIBRARY SUBSCRIBED RESOURCES

Image: Computer with open lock
OPEN ACCESS CONTENT
Such as Directory of Open Access Journals

Open Projects

Image: Blue open book
REPLACE a high-cost textbook with a free textbook

Image: red arrow tip inside red rectangle
CREATE new course materials

Image: Black laptop with open lock
PUBLISH an open textbook

Image: Pencil
REVISE existing OER to meet current needs

Image: Blueprints
DEVELOP course templates based on OER to facilitate use

Image: Person reading
USE library resources in place of textbooks

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