**OER Award Program
Initial Research: Where to Start**

Open Educational Resources (OER) for BUS 340 - Business Law

This document is meant to give you some starting points to begin searching for Open Educational Resources that would be suitable for your courses. OER are being created and shared every single day so this is just a starting point. It's always a good idea to do some searching on your own to see what else you might find.

OER Being Used at other Colleges and Universities

- [Foundations of Business Law and the Legal Environment](#) (Saylor Foundation, 2012)
- [Business law I Essentials](#) (OpenStax)
- [The Legal and Ethical Environment of Business](#) (Lau and Johnson, 2011)
- [BUS 340: Business Law](#) (Mom, 2020)
- [Law for Entrepreneurs](#) (Anonymous, 2022)
- [Fundamentals of Business Law](#) (Randall, 2020)
- [Legal Environment of Business](#) (Solano Community College)
- [Business Law: A Risk Management Approach](#) (Second Edition) (Lingawall, 2023)

- [Business Law, Ethics, and Sustainability](#) (Hosmanek & Smith, 2022)

CRC Canvas Commons Shells for Business

CRCs OER Specialists have created turnkey Canvas shells for most of the OpenStax textbooks available on the LibreTexts platform. These Open Educational Resources (OER) are high-quality, peer-reviewed college textbooks written by experts in the field. All are 100% free to faculty and students and come with a Creative Commons Attribution ([CC BY 4.0](#)) License, which is the most open type of CC license. It allows users to reuse, remix, edit, and add to the original content as long as the original creators are listed. Here are some you might be interested in and search ZTC CRC for the full library (more are still being created).

- [CRC Template: OpenStax Business Laws 1: Essentials](#)

Finding OER and ZTC Resources OER Repositories

There are many OER repositories and databases as well as many freely available online resources that you can use to convert your courses to zero textbook costs. The [ZTC at CRC Website](#) lists some of the most useful resources we've found. This is by no means an exhaustive list. If you find a repository or database you find particularly useful, please contact the OER Project Lead, [Andi Adkins Pogue](#), for possible inclusion on this website.

Getting to Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC) Doesn't Mean OER or Nothing

You are free to utilize other learning materials that aren't necessarily "Open" to convert your course to a Zero Textbook Cost course. This includes material that is freely (and legally) available online and material that can be accessed to currently enrolled students through the library's electronic resources.

FAQs Regarding OER and ZTC

- [What's the difference between ZTC and OER?](#)
- [What if I cannot find an OER that would work for my course?](#)
- [What if my class uses a resource that isn't freely available or there is no OER option like a novel?](#)
- Read all FAQs: [OER Award Program FAQs](#)

Library Resources for Your Discipline

- Read the Handout: [Using Library Materials to Achieve Zero Textbook Costs](#)
- Library Category for Your Discipline: [Business](#).
  Find ebooks and periodical articles related to your curriculum in our research databases.

- Ebooks available from the CRC Library (some titles are limited in number of simultaneous users - check with your librarian)
    - [Business Law & Ethics](#) (Second Edition, Salem Press, 2017)
    - [Company and Commercial Law : Course Book](#) (BPP Learning Media, 2015)
- Streaming videos available from the CRC Library subscription to "Films on Demand" Most videos are broken into shorter segments covering specific topics that can be played individually.
    - [Business Law](#) (26 min., 2017)
    - [Small Business Management: Starting Up/Legal Matters](#) (5 min. Segment, 2013)
- Is there a specific library book, ebook, or other resource you think we should have that is not in our collection? Fill out the [Library Purchase Request Form](#)

Additional Resources

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges [Open Educational Resources Initiative](#) has done a lot of work in this area. It's worth exploring the [Resources section of their website](#) as well as the [Webinars and Events page](#). Click the "show archived webinars" link to search for webinars on general topics as well as specific disciplines.