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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

# 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/](http://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/](http://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 or contact Shagun Kaur or Cathy Patel

## **References:**

* Abbey Elder OER Starter Kit: https://iastate.pressbooks.pub/oerstarterkit/

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