

Open Educational Resources

What are OERs?

How can OERs benefit teaching and learning?

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"[OERs] are teaching, learning, and research resources released under an open license that permits their free use and repurposing by others."

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The 5 Rs of Open Content

- **Retain** -- make and own copies
- **Reuse** -- use in a wide range of ways
- **Revise** -- adapt, modify or improve
- **Remix** -- combine different parts to make a new whole
- **Redistribute** -- Share with others



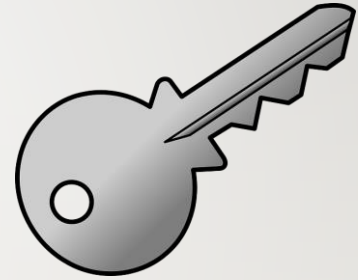
Why adopt OER?

- Accessibility
- Affordability
- Customizability
- Quality



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- **Accessibility**
 - Immediate access to learning materials
 - Many OERs can be accessed through apps, downloadable interactive PDFs, online, or in print/hard copy formats



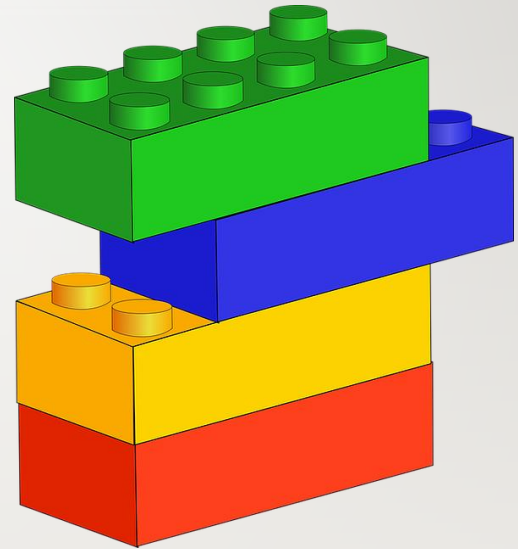
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- **Affordability**
 - Studies consistently find that 25-75% of students opt not to purchase textbooks due to high costs.
 - If they do purchase their textbooks, they may have to forego other basic needs.



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Considerations before adopting OERs

Are OERs available for the topics you teach?

Are the materials adequate?

Are you willing to invest the time/energy needed?

Are you willing to create new OERs for your courses?

I'd like to hear from you!

I've shared why I believe OERs are worth exploring. I'd like to hear your questions/concerns about OER.



Resources

- [UH Maui College OER Information Page](#)
- [OpenStax](#)
- [LibreTexts](#)
- [OER Commons](#)

Studies & Articles

- [Wakefield study](#)
- [U.S. Public Interest Research Group study](#)
- [BookBoon.com study](#)
- [U.S. News & World Report](#)
- [USA Today](#)

