

OER Commons

Our Mission

The mission of *OER Commons* is to expand educational opportunities by increasing access to high-quality *Open Educational Resources (OER)*, and facilitating the creation, use, and re-use of *OER*, for instructors, students, and self-learners.

Objectives

OER Commons reaches its mission through the following objectives:

- * **Use:** To provide a single point of access through which educators, students, and all learners can search, browse, evaluate, download, and discuss open educational resources (*OER*) that are freely available online.
- * **Re-Use:** To expand opportunities for those who use open educational resources to develop and submit high-quality content for others to use and localize.
- * **Community:** To broaden opportunities for educators, students, and self-learners to exchange information about, create standards for, and otherwise define, improve and evaluate the quality of open educational resources available on the Internet.

What are OER?

Open Education Resources (OER) are teaching and learning materials that are freely available online for everyone to use, whether you are an instructor, student, or self-learner. Examples of *OER* include: full courses, course modules, syllabi, lectures, homework assignments, quizzes, lab and classroom activities, pedagogical materials, games, simulations, and many more resources contained in digital media collections from around the world.

Re-use and adaptation of *OER* by educators bring new potential to support individualized teaching and learning, personalized networked services, and collaborative innovation across institutions and academic disciplines

OER Commons offers improved access to and development of high-quality *Open Educational Resources*; it does not create or house the learning materials themselves. *Open Educational Resources* that can be accessed on *OER Commons* are created, developed, housed, and maintained through institutions, collections, and authors that are partnering with *OER Commons*. In addition, *OER Commons* is actively engaged in encouraging institutions, archives, and creators to open their educational resources for all to use, with appropriate and well-defined conditions of use and re-use.

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