Finding OER to Use in Your Courses

There is a multitude of OER to choose from, ranging from full textbooks and courses, multimedia resources, and primary sources.

Video: [How to Find and Evaluate OER](https://youtu.be/FbwuMQM-NG8): 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 located.

Aggregated OER Collections

- [ASCCC OERI Discipline Collections](): Resource summaries by TMC and CSU GE/C-ID or discipline
  - tinyurl.com/OERI-TMCResources
  - tinyurl.com/OERbyDisc
- [Cool4ED]() - California Open Online Library for Education aggregates searches across several collections
  - http://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 contributed by the member community.
  - merlot.org
- [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.
  - http://openoregon.org/resources/
- [OER Commons]() - A public library of OER with tools for content authoring & remixing.
  - https://www.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/
- [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/
- [World Bank Open Data](#) - Global development data that is free and openly licensed.
  - https://data.worldbank.org/

Open Textbooks
- [Open SUNY Textbooks](#) - State University of New York's collection of faculty authored and peer-reviewed open textbooks.
  - https://textbooks.opensuny.org/browse-oer/
- [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

References:
[Abbey Elder OER Starter Kit](#)
   https://iastate.pressbooks.pub/oerstarterkit/