

Open Educational Resources (OER) for ESL California Community Colleges

Are you curious about OER for ESL but not sure where to start? Are you a seasoned ESL OER user interested in becoming more involved in OER development? Please read on to learn about exciting opportunities in the OER ESL community.

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Open Educational Resources Initiative (OERI) supports the development of openly licensed resources and strives to identify resources that would be of use to faculty in the California Community Colleges. In addition to providing professional development opportunities for faculty to learn about open educational resources (OER) in general and the available OER in their discipline or disciplines, the OERI has identified a team of "ASCCC OERI Discipline Leads" who are working to create a community of OER users and advocates in their disciplines.

Open Educational Resources, or OER, refers to teaching and learning materials that are freely available online for everyone to use and includes course modules, lectures, homework assignments, lab and classroom activities, pedagogical materials, games, simulations, and many more resources contained in digital media collections from around the world (as defined by OER Commons).

The ASCCC OERI Discipline Lead for ESL is Sara Ferguson, an ESL faculty member from Grossmont College. Please contact Sara for ESL-related questions about OER or collaboration.

Looking for free, openly licensed resources to reduce costs for your students? A curated collection is available on the <u>ASCCC OER for ESL page.</u>

Would you like to learn more about OER or collaborate with colleagues who are developing OER? Join our <u>Google Group</u> or <u>email Sara for an invitation</u>. Please note that that all faculty teaching lower-division ESL courses are encouraged to become part of our ESL community.

If this message was forwarded to you and you would like to receive discipline-specific messages directly, <u>please subscribe to the listservs that are of interest to you</u>. These

Academic Senate listservs are one-way, used for communication by the ASCCC and OERI to the field.