

A Quick Guide to Open Educational Resources (OERs)

What are OERs?



FREELY AVAILABLE

Most are legal to copy, adapt, and redistribute semester after semester.



OPEN

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Why are OERs and other types of affordable content important?



Course materials are freely available on the
FIRST DAY OF CLASS



INCREASES
in Retention, Completion, and Grade Point Averages



COST SAVINGS
As of February 2018, \$31.3 million dollars (projected) in textbook costs saved across the University System of Georgia.
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Increases opportunities for creativity, collaboration and
INNOVATIVE TEACHING

Affordable content beyond OERs



LIBRARY SUBSCRIBED RESOURCES



OPEN ACCESS CONTENT

Such as ScholarWorks@GSU
scholarworks.gsu.edu

OER Projects



REPLACE
a high-cost textbook with a free textbook



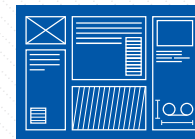
CREATE
new course materials



PUBLISH
an open textbook



REVISE
existing OER to meet current needs



DEVELOP
course templates based on OER to facilitate use



USE
library resources in place of textbooks

We're Here to Help!

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