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



REVISE

existing OER to meet current needs



CREATE

new course materials



DEVELOP

course templates based on OER to facilitate use



PUBLISH

an open textbook



USE

library resources in place of textbooks

We're Here to Help!

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