

# Open Education Resources (OER): Enabling Worldwide Sharing of Educational Materials

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**Importance of OER** – Fight rising costs of textbooks. Improve quality of available educational materials. Drive innovations in teaching. Share, collaborate and participate!

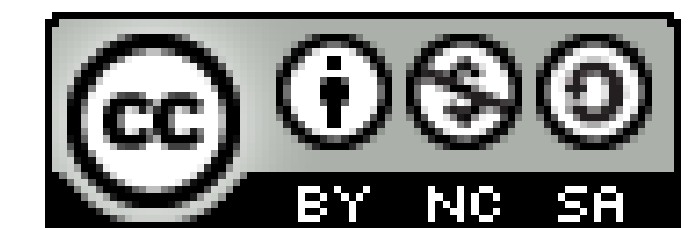
## What are OER?

Open Educational Resources are shared digital materials that can be reused and adapted for teaching, learning and research. Material types can include textbooks, readings, lessons, videos, games, assessment tools & course modules.



## Sharing OER under Creative Commons ([creativecommons.org](http://creativecommons.org))

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## Finding OER

- Merlot II - [www.merlot.org](http://www.merlot.org)
- MIT OpenCourseware - <http://ocw.mit.edu>
- OER Commons - [www.oercommons.org](http://www.oercommons.org)
- Open Education Consortium - <http://www.oeconsortium.org/courses>
- OpenLearn (The Open University) - <http://www.open.edu/openlearn>
- Tufts Open Courseware - <http://ocw.tufts.edu>
- Jorum (UK) - <http://www.jorum.ac.uk/>



## Evaluating OER - Achieve Standards ([www.achieve.org](http://www.achieve.org))

- ✓ Alignment to existing standards
- ✓ Quality of Subject Matter
- ✓ Utility of Support Materials
- ✓ Quality of Assessments
- ✓ Quality of Tech Interactivity
- ✓ Quality of Exercises
- ✓ Includes Deeper Learning
- ✓ Accessibility