



OER Toolkit

This toolkit assembled by members of the California Open Education Resources Council (CA-OERC)

The CA OER Council is composed of nine faculty appointed by the Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates, 3 from the California Community Colleges, 3 from the California State University and 3 from the University of California, as directed by legislation SB 1052. The CA OER Council has been instrumental in identifying 50 courses common to the 3 California higher education systems, identified many free and open etextbooks that faculty could use as course materials for these courses, implemented a rigorous faculty review process for evaluating the quality of the free and open etextbooks, and engaged in a variety of research and policy development to support the adoption of free and open textbooks in California higher education.

A. What is OER? What is an open textbook?

- a. Defining Open Educational Resources
 1. "Seven Things You Should Know about Open Educational Resources" (Educause)
 2. "The Five R's of OER" (OpenContent)
 3. "Open Educational Resources" (a more extensive guide from JISC)
- b. What Is a CC (Creative Commons) License?" (Creative Commons)
- c. Finding Open Textbooks and Fostering Faculty Adoptions"

B. Case Studies of open textbook use in higher education

- a) "Peggy Brickman, Textbook Hero" (video)
- b) "Affordable Learning Georgia" (video)
- c) "The Use of E-Textbooks in Higher Education: A Case Study" (Doering, et al.)
- d) "Adopting OER: A Case Study of Cross-Institutional Collaboration and Innovation" (Educause)
- e) Bibliography of Case Studies:
 - i. "A multi-institutional study of the impact of open textbook adoption on the learning outcomes of post-secondary students"
 - ii. "The Tidewater Z-Degree and the INTRO Model for Sustaining OER Adoption"
 - iii. Babson Survey Report - Findings regarding OER

- iv. ["Fixing the Broken Textbook Market"](#) (study)
- v. ["OER Evidence Report 2013-2014"](#)
- vi. ["2012 Florida Student Textbook Survey"](#)
- vii. [Summary of Student Survey Responses as of 12/15/15](#)
- viii. [Other references on OER adoption](#) (compiled by CA-OERC 2014-2015)

C. Finding open textbooks

- a. [California Online Open Library for Education](#) (includes peer-reviewed open textbooks for the 50 most highly enrolled courses across CCC, CSU, and UC)
- b. [Merlot](#) (extensive collection of OER materials, ranging from textbooks to course modules)
- c. [OpenStax College](#) (a collection of highly-rated open textbooks for higher education)
- d. [BCCampus](#) (a finding guide to open textbooks)