

# Finding Open Education Resources\*: Search Tips and Resource Suggestions

## 1. What do you and your students need?

What do you need for your course? Textbooks are not the only OER materials. There are also open courses, data, assessment, lectures, etc.

## 2. Search an OER repository or collection.

OER Commons: [www.oercommons.org](http://www.oercommons.org)

UMN's Open Textbook Library: <https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/>

### Tips:

- Searching by keyword might not return the best results
- Try browsing by discipline
- Use limiters (material type, education level, license type) to narrow down resources

Open Textbook Library



## 3. Use Google Advanced Search: [https://www.google.com/advanced\\_search](https://www.google.com/advanced_search)

Then narrow your results by...

language:	<input type="text" value="any language"/>
region:	<input type="text" value="any region"/>
last update:	<input type="text" value="anytime"/>
site or domain:	<input type="text"/>
terms appearing:	<input type="text" value="anywhere in the page"/>
SafeSearch:	<input type="text" value="Show most relevant results"/>
file type:	<input type="text" value="any format"/>
usage rights:	<input type="text" value="free to use share or modify"/>

### Directions:

1. Go to [Advanced Search](#) (search Google, look under settings, or bottom of page)
2. Type in keywords— to search .edu sites add Site:.edu in the keyword box
3. Narrow results by usage rights — choose “free to use, share, or modify”
4. You will need to verify license and determine exact [terms of use](#)

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