

# Finding Open Educational Resources

Search Tips and Resource Suggestions  
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# Searching for OER can be overwhelming

- How do you know where to start?
- What is the most effective method of searching?

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- CSU, UC, CCC
- [Showcase reviews](#) quick place to look before extensive search
- Does not have extensive selection
- Thorough reviews by California faculty
- Already passed accessibility; includes detailed report



INSTITUTION	COURSE	COURSE MATERIALS	LINKS	NAME
Portland Community College	148	Volcanoes and Earthquakes: This space collects OER materials on volcanoes and earthquakes and their associated hazards with a focus on the Pacific Northwest. The materials on this site have been designed to supplement two open access texts: Living with Earthquakes in the Pacific Northwest by Robert S. Yeats, and Physical Geology by Steven Earle.	<a href="https://spaces.pcc.edu/display/G1VEOE">https://spaces.pcc.edu/display/G1VEOE</a> RO	Eriks Puris
Linn-Benton Community College	AA 224	Strizver, I. (2014). Type rules! : The designer's guide to professional typography (Fourth ed.).	Available in the library via EBSCO concurrent use ebook purchase	
Linn-Benton Community College	AA 226	Lupton, E. (2010). Thinking with type : A critical guide for designers, writers, editors, & students (2nd rev. and expanded ed.). New York: Princeton Architectural Press.	Available in the library via Ebrary Academic Complete	
Treasure Valley Community College	ABSE Math 3	OpenStax Prealgebra	<a href="http://cnx.org/contents/cae57dab-41c7-455e-bd6f-f443cda5519c@9.724">http://cnx.org/contents/cae57dab-41c7-455e-bd6f-f443cda5519c@9.724</a>	Julie Pfaff
Lane Community College	ANTH 103	Cultural Anthropology Tutorials, an online resource authored and copyright by Dennis O'Neil from Palomar College.	<a href="http://anthro.palomar.edu/tutorials/cultural.htm">anthro.palomar.edu/tutorials/cultural.htm</a>	Denise Couch

- Extensive list with information on actual classes - institution, course, materials, instructor
- Links to materials and further information
- Contact information of instructors so you can ask questions

# A Few Good Repositories

- <https://textbooks.opensuny.org/>
- <https://openstaxcollege.org/>
- <https://courses.candelalearning.com/catalog/lumen>

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# Searching OER Repositories or Collections

## Search Tips

- Keyword searching is often limited
- Browse by discipline/subject matter

# University of Minnesota's Open Textbook Library

- High quality collection
- New books added frequently
- Reviews available

Open Textbook Library



# BC Campus OpenEd

- High quality collection
- Reviews available
- Specialized content

**BC**campus  **OpenEd**

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# The Power of Limiters

- Use limiters to narrow down resources
- Discipline/subject
- Audience or education level
- Material type - textbook, module, assessment
- Licence type or conditions of use

# OER Commons

- Easy to search and narrow results
- Search by discipline
- Creation tools available



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# Google Advanced Search

1. Go to [advanced search](#) (search in Google, look under settings, bottom of page)
2. Type in keywords
3. Narrow results by usage rights
4. Choose “free to use, share, or modify”
5. You will need to verify license and determine exact [terms of use](#)

## Advanced Search

Find pages with...

all these words:

this exact word or phrase:

any of these words:

none of these words:

numbers ranging from:

to

Then narrow your results by...

language:

region:

last update:

site or domain:

terms appearing:

SafeSearch:

file type:

usage rights:

Advanced Search

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