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Open Educational Resources

## Service Spotlight: Open Educational Resources (OERs)

OERs include digital learning materials such as open textbooks, full courses, modules, syllabi, lectures, and homework assignments. You can find more information about OERs at DePauw at [libguides.depauw.edu/openeducation](http://libguides.depauw.edu/openeducation)



### The 5 'R's of OER



### What are OERs?

- 1 FREELY AVAILABLE** Most are legal to copy, adapt, and redistribute semester after semester.
- 2 OPEN** "Open" means openly licensed, meaning they are in the public domain or copyright holder has abridged rights to eliminate barriers to access/use/derivative works.
- 3 CC LICENSED** Often contains a creative commons license. Check each resource for use rights. [creativecommons.org/licenses](http://creativecommons.org/licenses)

### IMPROVING STUDENT LEARNING

Having the ability to retain, reuse, revise, remix, and redistribute, OER leads to a more personal learning experience for the student. Increased motivation, creativity, and critical thinking skills through the use of OER are leading to improved academic results.

### INCREASING ACCESS TO RESOURCES

- OER provides students and teachers with a wider variety of resources allowing a more customized experience.
- Faculty can customize course materials to create the ideal course packet or textbook. OER allows faculty to retain control over the quality of their course materials as well as the type and timing of updates to materials.

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DePauw faculty members to-date have adopted no-cost courses with OERs...

which resulted in  
**\$11,838**  
in student savings...

for the  
**177**  
students impacted.