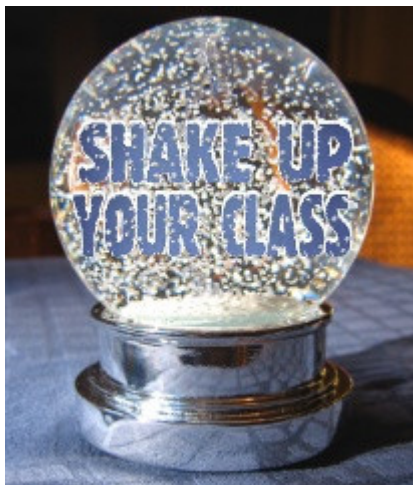


## Open Educational Resources: Benefits for Faculty and Students



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The Internet makes it easy to create and disseminate information. But copyright law doesn't currently reflect these new opportunities to share with colleagues and students. By using open copyright licenses on the materials you create, you can share them legally throughout the world and specify how others may use them.

U-M faculty and students are discovering the benefits of finding, using, and creating openly-licensed materials to supplement their teaching and learning. Unlike material that is copyrighted "all rights reserved," Open Educational Resources (OER) encourage adaptability enabling users to:

- Translate content into a local language
- Adapt content to specific learning needs
- Connect with collaborators at other institutions

### Benefits of OER for Faculty

Why start from scratch every time you need to create a lecture or assemble a reading list? By **using** OER, faculty can supplement their lectures and learning materials with content that is already available for open sharing. By **sharing** their own work as OER, faculty can maximize the impact and visibility of their scholarly work across the global learning community. The benefits of OER for faculty include:

- Use openly licensed materials to build your own resources
- License your own OER so others can use it
- Promote your work to a global audience

### Benefits of OER for Students

Openly-licensed learning materials are easy to find and access, encouraging more independent and flexible learning opportunities for students. OER courses allow students to explore materials before enrolling, making them better prepared before they arrive in the classroom. The benefits of OER for students include:

- Provide supplemental learning materials for courses
- Determine what classes or program to enroll in
- Better prepared for classes

### Get Involved

The Open.Michigan Team provides a wealth of "self-help" resources to get you started creating and sharing your open content. Our services include:

- OER training and consulting
- Resources and tools to support OER
- Publishing OER

To take that first step, have a look at our website: **open.umich.edu**. To see the rapidly-expanding collection of OER materials created at U-M, go to **open.umich.edu/education**.

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