



OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

AT GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

what are **OER**?

Open Educational Resources are textbooks, learning objects, and other educational materials that are open: they are free to use, have few or no access restrictions, and most can be freely remixed, customized, and adapted.

why use **OER**?

Open Educational Resources ...

- break down barriers to knowledge, making a GVSU education more affordable and accessible
- ensure that every student can access course materials from the very first day of classes
- can be easily customized to fit the needs and context of individual courses
- can equal and exceed the quality of traditional commercially-published course materials
- make education more accessible, more sustainable, more flexible, and more effective

The OER Initiative is a cross-campus collaboration, bringing together resources and services that support GVSU faculty interested in exploring, adopting, and creating OER.

The University Libraries enable faculty to:

- Find high-quality open textbooks and course materials with an online OER guide (<http://libguides.gvsu.edu/oer>)
- Learn more about the benefits and potential of OER
- Understand copyright and the rights of OER creators and users
- Publish their own OER online in Scholar Works@GVSU

The Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence encourages faculty to:

- Dedicate a sabbatical project to creating an open textbook or OER collection
- Apply for Catalyst Grant funding to hire students or professional services to assist with editorial, layout, and design work
- Use Minigrants for supplies, transcription, and other publishing expenses

The Laker Store provides faculty with resources and support to:

- Ensure students can access assigned OER, in-store and online (<http://lakerstore.gvsu.edu>)
- Obtain affordable physical copies of OER
- Find homework resources and teaching materials to supplement OER
- Select effective and affordable course materials, including OER

eLearning and Emerging Technologies (IDeL, the Digital Studio, and the Technology Showcase) provides faculty with support to:

- Incorporate OER to make online courses more flexible and effective
- Explore learning object repositories and open textbook materials to discover effective OER
- Learn tools and technologies for creating customized instructional materials with OER
- Leverage OER in teaching by applying quality instructional design
- Integrate OER into Blackboard courses, assignments, and assessments

The Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center assists faculty to:

- Effectively integrate OER into course design
- Create engaging learning activities based on creating and remixing OER
- Assess the impact of OER on teaching and learning
- Learn from colleagues who have created and used OER
- Attend OER conferences and events
- Secure Innovation Grant funding for OER projects