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AGENDA

- Review general concepts of OER
- Discover collections of OER
- Develop strategies for locating OER
- Identify resources in a targeted discipline
- Develop evaluation skills for OER
- ...and plenty of Q&A opportunities



What initially interested you in finding, adopting, and/or creating OER?

“OER are teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use and re-purposing by others.

Open educational resources include full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, streaming videos, tests, software, and any other tools, materials, or techniques used to support access to knowledge.”

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The Five Rs of OER



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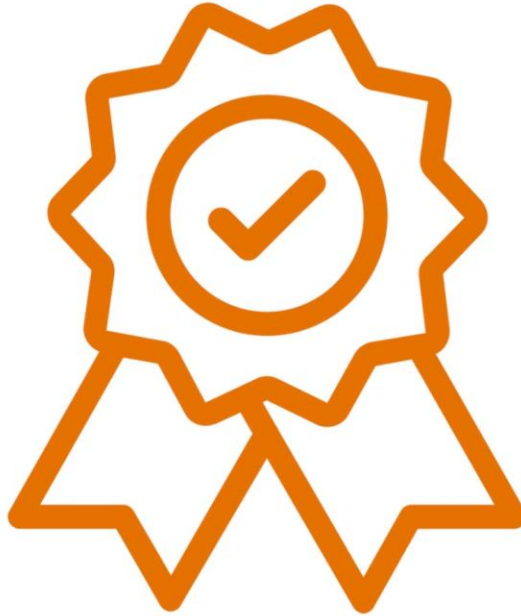
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quality and inferior.**

**Open texts never
include ancillary
material.**

**OER really aren't a
'thing' at UVA.**




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Studies have revealed that students "generally achieve the same learning outcomes when OER are utilized."

Hilton, J. Open educational resources, student efficacy, and user perceptions: a synthesis of research published between 2015 and 2018. *Education Tech Research Dev* **68**, 853–876 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11423-019-09700-4>

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Fact: Some textbooks *do* come with ancillaries. When they don't, other OER material can be used. The beauty is in the ability to blend for your need.

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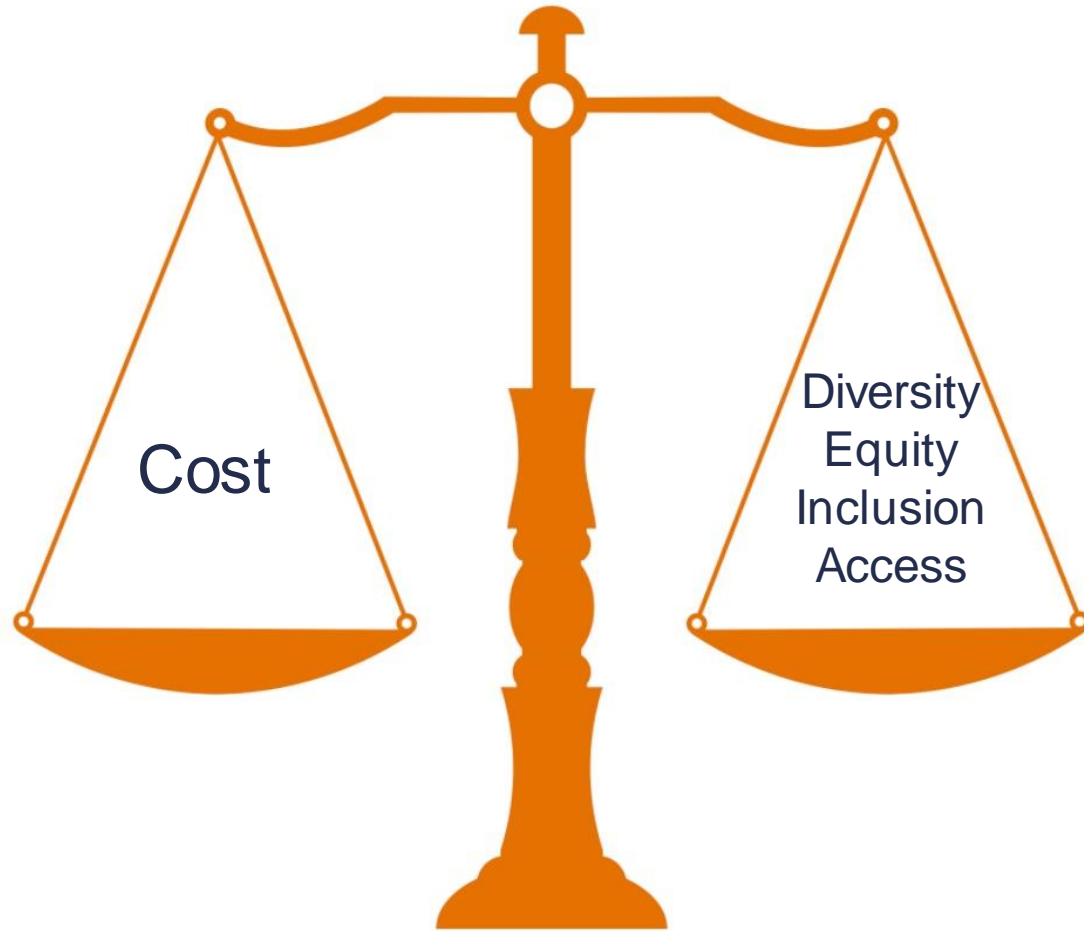
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**Fact: Various departments and faculty
are using, creating, and adapting OER
here at UVA.**

Why Open?





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Open Educational Resources

E. The governing board of each public institution of higher education shall implement guidelines for the adoption and use of low-cost and no-cost open educational resources in courses offered at such institution. Such guidelines may include provisions for low-cost commercially published materials.

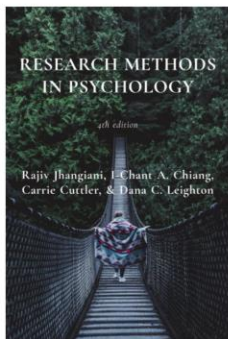
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Equity
Inclusion
Access

Levels the playing field in terms of
access to materials

Content can be contextualized to
reflect students' lived experiences

Opportunities for cultural inclusivity
through examples and scenarios

Open textbooks can be contextualized to reflect your students' experience



Research Methods in Psychology - 4th American Edition

Contributors: Cuttler, Jhangiani, and Leighton

Publisher: Kwantlen Polytechnic University

This fourth edition (published in 2019) was co-authored by Rajiv S. Jhangiani (Kwantlen Polytechnic University), Carrie Cuttler (Washington State University), and Dana C. Leighton (Texas A&M University—Texarkana) and is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License. Revisions throughout the current edition include changing the chapter and section numbering system to better accommodate adaptations that remove or reorder chapters; continued reversion from the Canadian edition; general grammatical edits; replacement of "he/she" to "they" and "his/her" to "their"; removal or update of dead links; embedded videos that were not embedded; moved key takeaways and exercises from the end of each chapter section to the end of each chapter; a new cover design.



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Research Methods in Psychology - New Zealand Edition

Contributors: Price and Jhangiani

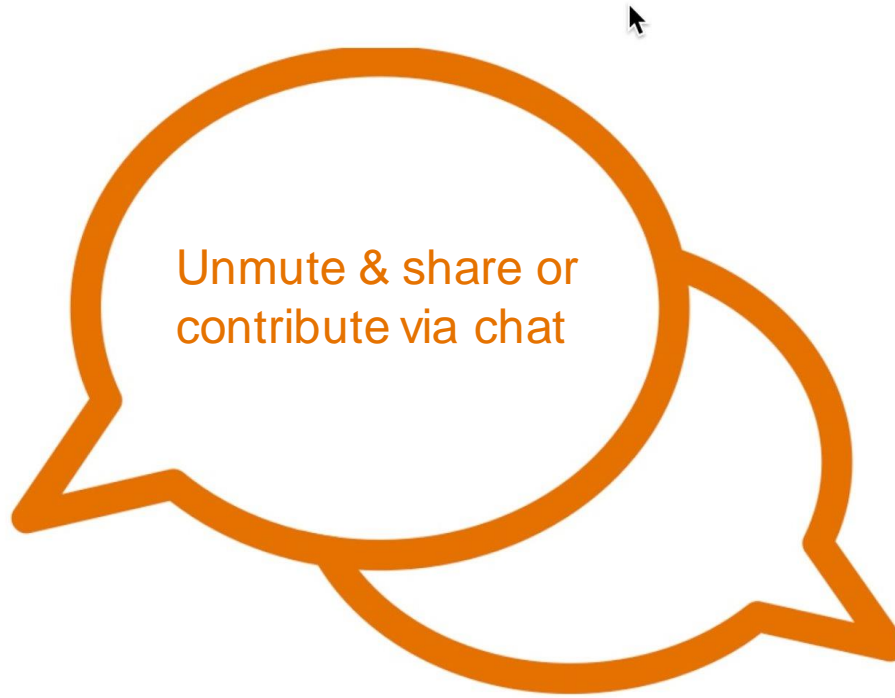
Publisher: Saylor Foundation

This textbook is an adaptation of the Research Methods in Psychology that is available on this site in US and Canadian editions. This New Zealand edition is an adaptation to the New Zealand context. The main changes are in Chapters 1 and 3 and the spelling, grammar, and terminology are changed throughout. This textbook is adopted at the University of Waikato in our 200-level research methods in psychology class.



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What *type(s)* of OER would transform your teaching or help you reach your departmental or individual goals for instruction?

*The Many
Flavors of OER*



OER are *more* than just textbooks...

examples include:

- *entire courses* ([Coursera](#), [MIT OpenCourseWare](#), [Open Course Library](#))
- *multimedia* ([Creative Commons](#), [Mutopia Project](#))
 - *data sets* ([data.gov](#), [U.S. Census Bureau](#))
- *ancillaries/stand-alones* ([OER Commons](#), [MERLOT](#), [COERLL](#))

...and *much, much* more.

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OER textbook options...

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- [Open Textbook Library](#) *
- *...and more!*

** faculty review remuneration*

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| Searching for OER





Develop
keywords

(just like research—broadening
& narrowing will be necessary)



Search
repositories &
aggregators

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1. Course Identification

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Course name:

Target audience(s): [describe level of course, whether it's majors or non-majors, etc.]

Current textbook and cost: [this can be useful for self-reflection and for identifying keywords in pt. 2]

2. Topic identification.

Identify at least 5 topics that you can use in your OER search

Hint: *Your current textbook's/table of contents can help*

Topics	Keywords (to help with the search queries)

3. Search

Use the following repositories and aggregators as starting points for your search. Consider spending some time in each. You may see duplication/remixing of content. Record your findings below.

If you hit a point of frustration, reach out to Judy Thomas ([jet3h](#)) or Bethany Mickel ([bbm9u](#)). You can also contact your [subject librarian](#).

- [Pressbooks](#)
- [Open Textbook Library](#) *
- [VIVA Faculty Textbooks Portal](#)
- [OpenStax](#)
- [Mason OER Metafinder \(MOM\)](#) - federated search
- [OASIS OER Search Tool](#)

**faculty can receive remuneration for review of a textbook through Open Textbook Library.*

These are just *some* of the many places to seek OER. Visit the [UVA OER LibGuide](#) for more resources.

Record the titles and URLs of all the items that (even remotely) fit your topic.

1.

2.

3.

4.

3a. Search for Ancillaries

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You may not be quite ready to move towards a fully open text--that's fine. There are plenty of ancillary materials that can enhance your existing text *or* add additional depth or context to one of the open texts you have selected.

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- [OpenStax](#) (provides both texts *and* ancillary materials)
- [MERLOT](#)
- [PHET Interactive Simulations](#) (science & mathematics-based simulations)
- [LibreTexts](#) (provides both texts *and* ancillary materials)
- [MyOpenMath](#) (mathematics and quantitative research ancillaries in an open source, online course management system)

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- 2.
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to

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Put exact words in quotes: "rat terrier"

Type OR between all the words you want: miniature OR standard

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language:

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region:

any region

Find pages published in a particular region.

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anytime

Find pages updated within the time you specify.

site or domain:

Search one site (like wikipedia.org) or limit your results to a domain like .edu, .org or .gov

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free to use share or modify

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- [Graphic Design and Print Production Fundamentals](#)
- [Digital Foundations](#)
- [Getty Research Institute](#)
- [Boundless Art History](#)
- [Art in the Twenty-First Century](#) - PBS
- [Humanities Commons](#) - OA Repository
- [The Programming Historian](#) - Journal of Digital Humanities and Social Science Tutorials
- [HASTAC](#) - writing, blogs, and teaching materials
- [Smarthistory](#) - Khan Academy's collaboration with art historians and museums around the world

Film

- [Moving Pictures: An Introduction to Cinema \(2020\)](#) PDF, EPub, MOBI, Online
- [Exploring Movies Construction and Production \(2017\)](#) PDF, EPub, Online

History

- [U.S History](#)
- [History in the Making](#)
- [World History](#)
- [U.S. History 1865 to Present](#)
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Content & Accuracy

- Based on your expertise, is the content **accurate**?
- Is the content **up-to-date** or reflective of current research and practices within your field?
- Are there factual, grammatical, or typographical errors?

Clarity, Comprehensibility, Readability

- Is the content, including instructions & exercises clear and **comprehensible** to students?
- Is the content **consistent** with its language and formatting? For example, are key terms bolded?
- Is the content **organized** in terms of sequencing and flow?
- Is the content **navigable** for students?

Appropriateness & Fit

- Is content presented at a **reading level-appropriate** for your students?
- How does this **align** with your course learning objectives?
- Is the content level **depth-appropriate** for use in your course?

Adaptability & Modularity

- Is the resource in a **file format** which allows for adaptations, modifications, rearrangements, and updates?
- Is the resource divided into **modules or sections**, which can be used or rearranged out of their original ordering?
- Is the content available under a **license that allows for modifications**?

Accessibility

- Is the content accessible to students with accommodation needs through the **compatibility of third-party reading applications**?
- If it uses web resources, does each image have **alt text** that can be read?
- Do videos include appropriate **closed captioning**?
- Are students able to access materials in a **quick and non-restrictive manner**?

4. Curate & Evaluate

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Target three (3) of the most promising items from your list in section(s) 3/3a, and explore the content.

Use the following criteria, adapted from the [Open Textbook Library Review Criteria](#), to assess their value:

Resource Name (1):

Content & Accuracy	
Clarity, Comprehension, & Readability	
Appropriateness & Fit	
Adaptability & Modularity	
Accessibility	

5. Reflect

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Reflect on each of the following questions, and provide short written answers about your experience.

- 1) Did you find materials that could fit your needs?
- 2) Which materials did you find that could be used as-is (simply shared as a file or a link to potential students)?
- 3) Which materials would require some massaging/remixing on your part to bring up to your standards? Are the materials you have found licensed in a way that would allow you to make those tweaks?
- 4) Do you believe they match the quality of what publishers can offer?

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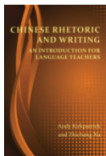
Published by North Broad Press

Gratis!: A Flipped-Classroom and Active Learning Approach to Italian

Published by North Broad Press

Open Signals and Systems Laboratory Exercises

Published by Iowa State University



Chinese Rhetoric and Writing: An Introduction for Language Teachers

(6 reviews)



Andy Kirkpatrick, Griffith University

Zhichang Xu, Monash University

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Reviewed by Evelyn Ming Whai Shih, Assistant Professor, CU Boulder on 7/1/19

This text lacks an effective glossary, and would do well to include an appendix with original language quotations, since this is largely absent within the text. This is a work about rhetoric in Chinese, with some comparison with other traditions... [read more](#)



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- 7 Principles of Sequencing and Rhetorical Organisation: Discourse and Text
- 8 The End of Empire and External Influences
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About the Book

The authors of *Chinese Rhetoric and Writing* offer a response to the argument that Chinese students' academic writing in English is influenced by "culturally nuanced rhetorical baggage that is uniquely Chinese and hard to eradicate." Noting that this argument draws from "an essentially monolingual and Anglo-centric view of writing," they point out that the rapid growth in the use of English worldwide calls for "a radical reassessment of what English is in today's world." The result is a book that provides teachers of writing, and in particular those involved in the teaching of English academic writing to Chinese students, an introduction to key stages in the development of Chinese rhetoric, a wide-ranging field with a

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