

# OER UPDATE

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OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER)

# WHAT IS OER?

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- Open Educational Resources are **teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the creative commons and/or public domain** or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their use and repurposing by others. OER may include full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, streaming videos, tests...**used to support access to knowledge.**

"OER Defined" by Larry Kramer, William & Flora Hewlett Foundation / A derivative from the original work



# STUDENT BENEFITS

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- **Affordability** – Cost (no-cost or low-cost)
- **Access** – Immediate access to materials
  - What does this mean?
    - Everyone starts the class in the same place – no waiting for a textbook
    - Helps with retention (no textbook – drop class or withdrawal/fail) and improve student success
    - Reduces student stress and time gathering materials
- **Achievement** – Increase opportunity for student success

# INSTRUCTORS BENEFITS

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- Academic Freedom – option for more creativity and innovation in the classroom
- Opportunities to redesign coursework curriculum and assessment
- Academic Integrity
- Students have access at the beginning of the class

# STATUS/PROGRESS

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- Project 5! (General Psychology, College Algebra, Public Speaking, English Composition I and American History)
- Instructors (courses) registered for development spring 2020, fall 2020 and spring 2021
- Three year plan on pace
- Promotional design complete; noted in schedule of classes
- State OER Committee/Regional OER Committee (CTE)

# QUESTIONS

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