

# Open educational resources (OERs): free textbooks

*"The single most important thing we can do to support student success is help ensure students have the essential course materials necessary to learn and excel in the classroom"* Dr. Michael Hale

- Open educational resources (OERs) are readily available resources that are free.
- High-quality OER (free) materials are available for almost all the foundation courses.
- OERs are more than textbooks – they also include solution manuals, homework systems, PowerPoint slides, assessment banks and test items.

Do not use a textbook if you can find quality open educational resources (OERs). According to the 2018 UP SASSE survey, only 48% of first-year and 33% of senior students bought textbooks.

Another option is to use free or low-price resources from <https://lumenlearning.com/>.

The Lumen Learning Course List is available at: [https://lumenlearning.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Lumen-Course-List-4.25\\_Master.pdf](https://lumenlearning.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Lumen-Course-List-4.25_Master.pdf)

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