

Open Educational Resources and the Course Outline of Record

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CSU AND UC REQUIREMENTS FOR TEXTBOOKS LISTED ON THE COR

Open Educational Resources (OER) Textbooks:

- For CSU and for UC, it is fine to use assembled materials or Open Educational Resources, **so long as they are stable and publicly available as published textbooks (and not a list of links)**.
- All CSU and UC campus departments consider the content of textbooks when reviewing articulation proposals from the CCCs. The use of online texts is reviewed by campuses on a case-by-case basis for articulation with CCCs.
- Multiple CCC courses use online texts that are approved for CSU and UC transferability, and for course-to-course articulation with CSU and UC campuses.
- Some CSU and UC campus departments use online texts themselves.

GE TRANSFERABILITY POLICY (updated 11/2016)

- When including OER on the Course Outline of Record, **proposed courses should include at least one traditional textbook.**
- GE reviewers use representative texts as a way to confirm their understanding of the course content. It is understood that the instructor in a given section may choose a different text, but the proposed one is still given close attention. It is expected that the structure of the text will be consistent with the course outline. Including additional reading is a good way to demonstrate that multiple points of view will be evaluated, as a means of developing critical thinking.

COURSE-TO-COURSE ARTICULATION

- CSU and UC campus departments consider the content of textbooks when reviewing course-to-course articulation proposals and course outlines of record (COR) from the California Community Colleges.
- The use of online texts is viewed by UC campuses on a case-by-case basis for articulation with the CCCs. Texts, both online and traditional, **must be dated within seven (7) years** for most course submissions.

Details Required on the Course Outline of Record

How to cite OER
information on the
Course Outline of Record

There are two places on the Course Outline of Record where OER information can be included:

- **COR--** Representative Texts Screen
- **DE Addendum--** Representative Courseware/Textbooks Materials Field
- For the purposes of articulation, **the list of representative textbooks must include at least one traditional textbook that is commonly accepted.**
 - The OER can be listed using the MLA or APA citation styles.
 - Assembled materials need to be stable and publicly available as published textbooks.
- **CSU and UC require the following information:** Authors, Latest version, First Publication Date OR Latest Revision, Web link to the resource

Review the citation styles for a variety of OER at:
<https://guides.skylinecollege.edu/oersbysubject/citingoers>

What to include and where to include it on the COR

COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD Representative Texts Screen

Textbooks Field

- Traditional Textbook(s)
- OER Published Textbook(s)
(used in a classroom and
online)

Other Field

- Videos
- Online Repositories

D.E. ADDENDUM Representative Courseware Field

- **OER Published Textbook(s)**
(specific to online version of
the course)
- **Videos**
- **Online Repositories**
- Self-Assessments
- Group Activities
- Worksheets

OER Textbook Resources and Online Repositories

<https://guides.skylinecollege.edu/oersbysubject/home>