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Lower Costs for Students!

Use Open Educational Resources (OER)

Faculty members: Want to make sure your course is flagged as using free or low-cost materials? Fill out this quick survey:

CLICK FOR SURVEY ([HTTPS://DOCS.GOOGLE.COM/FORMS/D/E/1FAIPQLSEFT2ZXIPXOUER1RBKZ2GF2HJOV1GA_VGBOZ14JGEKUKPW8UA/VIEWFORM](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIPQLSEFT2ZXIPXOUER1RBKZ2GF2HJOV1GA_VGBOZ14JGEKUKPW8UA/viewform))

De Anza College is a leader in the use of free or low-cost [Open Educational Resources \(/academic-services/oer/about_oer.html\)](#) (OER) to make textbooks and other required course content more affordable for students.

Below is information and resources that faculty members can use to join this effort, in collaboration with the Academic Senate, Bookstore, Library Services, Office of Communications and Office of Instruction.

- More than 13,000 students used OER or free materials in their courses at De Anza in 2017-18. In two years, that number has more than doubled!
- De Anza students will save over \$2.5 million per year in textbook costs by using OER.
- De Anza is [one of just 11 schools selected \(/news/archive/20170615openstax.html\)](#) from among 42 applicants in 2017-18 for Rice University's [OpenStax \(https://openstax.org/\)](#) Institutional Partnership Program. OpenStax is the number one source of free textbooks in the US.

For Students:

- Information for students can be found on the [Stretch Your Book Dollars \(/save-on-books/\)](#) webpage.

For Instructors:

- Below you'll find some of the initiatives available to faculty members at De Anza.



Low-Cost Textbook (LCT) Designation

De Anza's online course listings now indicate which courses have a total cost of no more than \$50 (TOTAL) for required books and other materials. If you believe your course qualifies, submit the [OER Survey](#) as soon as possible, when you know your schedule.

Zero-Cost Textbook (ZCT) Designation

De Anza's online listings also indicate courses for which all required materials are available in digital formats at no cost to students. If you believe your course qualifies, submit the [OER Survey](#) as soon as possible, when you know your schedule.

Canvas Course Shell

The Online Education Initiative has put together multiple course shells in Canvas using OpenStax. These courses align with the OEI rubric (sound design and fully accessible) and have already been set up in Modules using OpenStax content. Faculty can import the content into their own course shell and then add elements for substantive interaction and additional assignments/assessments.

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Questions?

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