

Subject: Looking for resources to improve your remote delivery courses?
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Good Afternoon, Colleagues –

Below please find the next installment of MTSU Online’s weekly resources, tools, and tips for distance education. Remember that MTSU Online continues to support the great work unfolding in your programs and departments, so be sure to let us know if you have specific needs, questions, etc.

This week’s e-mail addresses Open Educational Resources (OERs).

Open Education Resources (OERs) are resources that can be freely obtained and used in your courses through a digital platform. As a university, we are working hard to provide innovative resources and course activities for faculty. Several services are available to support you in efforts to locate appropriate resources, many from peer reviewed or otherwise vetted locations.

- Are you looking for digital science labs, an accessible periodic table, or a virtual whiteboard for math courses?
- Interested in supplementing your lecture with videos from other subject matter experts?
- Need a case study for your business courses?
- Looking for a virtual museum, streaming opera, or other cultural event?
- What about images that represent diversity in your course content?

These and many others can be located across the internet, but we want to help you narrow your search. MTSU Online has repositories for OERs that list institutional resources such as the James E. Walker Library, MERLOT, The Mason OER Metafinder, Openstax, and many more.

Where to find the resources:

1. Remote Instruction Standards Course (RIS): Additional Resources if Desired Module (this is the very last one)*
2. Online Instructor Certification (OIC) in Module Two: Open Educational Resources (OER) - Help during Remote Instruction – this resource is available through D2L Self- Registration (MTSU Online Certification)*
3. [MTSU Online Instructional Designer Resources](#) – A real-time list of resources that is updated often. Resources are searchable with tags, if you need assistance, please let our MTSU Online Instructional Designers know. These include resources for the courses you are teaching remotely and some for any children you may have at home. Please use these to extend opportunities for engaged learning at all ages.
4. [MTSU Stay the Course External Support Resources](#) – includes specifics for D2L and FSA login information for Zoom, Panopto, etc.
5. [James E. Walker Library Remote Services](#) – This link will take you to all remote services available from our amazing Library and Librarians! Reach out, they want to help you.

Please feel free to contact MTSU Online if you need assistance or have a resources you love and want to share. Our OER & Online Resources Evaluation Checklist is also attached to support you in determining the validity and reliability of an open education resource.

* Not all resources listed in the RIS or the OIC are open outside of MTSU. Several are included for use (free of charge) as long as logged in through your FSA to the Walker Library.

Also, don't forget about Zoom drop-in sessions with MTSU Online leadership (Cindy Adams & Brian Hinote) and Instructional Designers (Tara Perrin & Kim Godwin)!

Please feel free to contact me or Cindy Adams (Cindy.Adams@mtsu.edu) anytime, and be on the lookout for future messages including other useful information. Have a great day!

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