**Open Textbooks**

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What can be done with these textbooks?

- Links to the books can be sent to anyone
- Copies can be made and distributed for non-commercial purposes (e.g., research, private study, education)
- Bookstore will print off open textbooks for USask students for $0.12/pg (see https://www.usask.ca/bookstore/faculty.php#OpenEducationalResources)
- Some open texts can be adapted/modified, and used in the creation of other (open) resources depending on the specifics of the license terms attached to the textbook

Here are some key sources where you can find open textbooks:

- BCcampus Open Textbook Project - https://open.bccampus.ca/
- OpenStax College - https://cnx.org/
- Open SUNY - https://textbooks.opensuny.org/
- Open Textbook Library - http://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/
- Open Educational Resource (OER) Commons - https://www.oercommons.org/

University of Saskatchewan Specific Links/Resources about Open Textbooks:

- List of Open Textbooks Being Used at USask - https://teaching.usask.ca/articles/open-textbooks-being-used-at-usask.php
  - Managed by DEU – open textbook created by university staff for use in courses.
  - Utilize Creative Commons License – published through Pressbooks.com
  - “Z-courses – [courses] where students have zero or minimal ($35) or less directs cost for learning materials.” [Quote from https://medicine.usask.ca/events/2017/10/faculty-development-course.php]
- University of Saskatchewan Funding – Available for the “use, adaptation, and creation of open textbooks at the university.”
  - Funding - https://teaching.usask.ca/curriculum/open-pedagogy.php#Funding

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