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For Students: What Does OPEN mean for Students?

Copyright

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The 5 Rs of Open

Retain	• Make and own a copy
Reuse	• Use in a wide range of ways
Revise	• Adapt , modify, and improve
Remix	• Combine two or more
Redistribute	• Share with others

Open Pedagogy takes OER as a starting point for rethinking the relationship between instructors, students and knowledge. If instructors and students are able to modify their learning materials, a shift can be made from students as consumers to producers of knowledge.

Creative Commons

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	 PUBLIC DOMAIN	 PUBLIC DOMAIN	 CC BY	 CC BY SA	 CC BY NC	 CC BY ND	 CC BY NC SA	 CC BY NC ND
 PUBLIC DOMAIN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
 PUBLIC DOMAIN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
 CC BY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
 CC BY SA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
 CC BY NC	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
 CC BY ND	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
 CC BY NC SA	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
 CC BY NC ND	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

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Speaking With Instructors About Open

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