

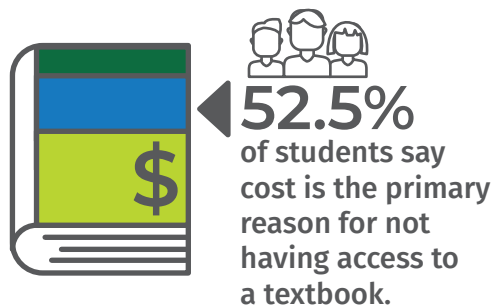
# Open Educational Resources @ WWU

OERs are free, openly-licensed educational materials.

Western has recently embraced the option of using open educational resources (OERs) due to skyrocketing textbook costs for students. OERs include a variety of text and media materials that are free and openly accessible to students. OERs can be:

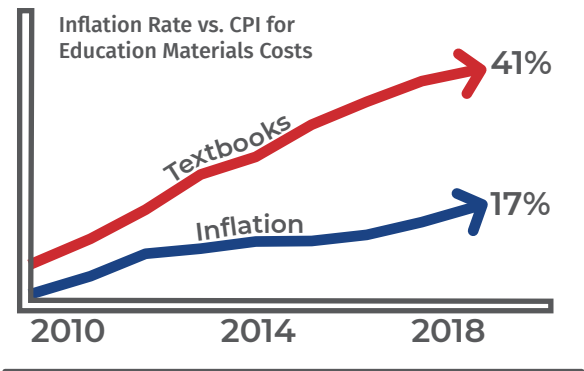


OERs offer professors the opportunity to use the most relevant, up-to-date materials—often allowing for a more broad and inclusive take. In terms of accessibility, professors using OERs can provide all their students with equal access to the materials, regardless of affordability.

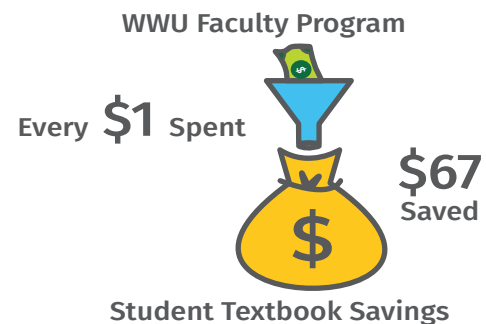


## BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

- Low cost or free
- Easy to find access — even before classes start
- More customized and relevant



Some professors have already designed their courses using free materials, but for others, the prospect of transforming their course can be overwhelming.



The CIIA & ATUS offer professional development opportunities to help faculty adopt alternate learning resources outside traditional published textbooks. Through this program, we estimate that WWU students have saved \$1.36 million in textbook fees from 2016-19, a number that is predicted to increase exponentially.

## BENEFITS FOR FACULTY

- Increases student retention by reducing costs
- Assures academic freedom to modify or add content to your specifications
- Provides more relevant and engaging materials for your students