

BCcampus Open Online Course Project FAQ

What is the open online course (OOC) project?

The OOC project aims to provide the B.C. post-secondary sector with a collection of open educational resources (OER) to support the delivery of some of B.C.'s highest enrolled, most transferrable courses. The BCcampus OOC collection will contain high-quality OER curated by subject matter experts to meet the learning objectives of courses offered by B.C. post-secondary institutions and facilitate the quick construction of courses in a range of learning management systems.

What subjects are OOCs being created for?

Initially, the project will focus on creating courses for:

- Business management
- Math
- Business communications
- Psychology
- Introduction to university writing

Who is the intended audience for these courses and related resources?

Similar to the [B.C. Open Textbook Collection](#), these resources can be used by anyone, but they are being created with B.C. post-secondary educators in mind.

When will the open online course project be completed?

The OOC collection will go live in the middle of August. [Subscribe to the BCcampus newsletter](#) to hear the exact date.

What is an open licence?

An open licence, or open-copyright licence, grants permission to access, retain, reuse, redistribute, remix, and revise a work with few or no restrictions. [Creative Commons licences](#) are well-known open licences.

Which licence will the OOC materials be under?

Materials created for the OOCs will carry a [Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International licence](#), better known as CC BY.

Where will the OOCs be housed? Will BCcampus provide the platform?

The OOC collection will not be a platform for delivery of materials in the classroom; BCcampus does not operate a learning management system (LMS) to support course delivery. Rather, the collection will consist of assets that educators may download and import into their own LMSs. To meet that goal, we are seeking resources for the collection that may be imported into any widely used LMS in B.C., such as Canvas, D2L Brightspace, Moodle, etc. Common Cartridge is an example of such a file format. We will store the OER files in our infrastructure or simply link out to their sources on the web.

What file formats are acceptable for OOC resources?

Open educational resources (OER) for these courses could be:

- PowerPoint files
- Word files
- Links to websites or online textbooks (e.g., in Pressbooks)
- Links to videos (e.g., on YouTube)
- LMS-importable files (e.g., Common Cartridge files)
- PDFs (if editable files are included)
- ZIP files of several file types bundled up together

For more information on adapting and adopting OER, please visit the [Faculty OER Toolkit](#).

Do all courses and resources need to be accessible?

Yes, all materials need to be accessible. Please refer to the BCcampus [Accessibility Toolkit](#) and its [Checklist for Accessibility](#) for a better understanding of our criteria.

Do all courses and resources need to incorporate Indigenous perspectives and pedagogies?

Yes, all resources must incorporate Indigenous perspectives. For more information on what that means, please visit our [Pulling Together: A Guide for Indigenization of Post-Secondary Institutions – Professional Learning Series](#).

Can I submit an application for a course outside of the subject areas listed?

Yes. BCcampus is open to expressions of interest in other high-priority or transferable courses.

When is the OOC project application deadline?

The deadline to apply is July 15, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

I missed the deadline. Can I still apply?

Yes, we are open to receiving late submissions.

When will I know if my application has been accepted?

BCcampus is using a rolling adjudication process for this project. Applicants should be notified of a decision within a week of submission.

I am not able to meet the completion deadline. Can I still submit an application?

Yes — we plan to continue to build on our inventory of courses, so more applications are welcome.

I want to submit an application, but do not have a team. Can individuals apply?

Provided you have the required expertise, you can still apply.