

Using OA Textbook Alternatives on your Reading List

What are OA Textbooks and Open Education Resources?

"**Open Textbooks and Open Educational Resources (OER)** are learning, teaching and research materials, published in the public domain or are under copyright that have been released under an **open license**, that permit no-cost access, re-use, re-purpose, adaptation and redistribution by others."

From UNESCO Recommendation on Open Educational Resources

<https://tinyurl.com/openedrec>

What are the top 5 places to look for OA Textbooks and OER?

- [OpenStax](#)
- [Open Textbook Library](#)
- [Pressbooks Directory](#)
- [Directory of Open Access Books](#)
- [OER Commons](#)

For a full list of where to find OA Textbooks and OER, click [here](#).

How can I re/use or modify OA resources?

1. Identify and Understand CC Licences
2. Third-party Content and Permissions
3. Including Attributions

For more information, click [here](#).

What are the benefits of using OA resources on your reading list?

Offer enduring access to students who will be able to access resources even after they have completed their course which **promotes lifelong learning**.

Showcase innovative approaches to teaching and learning for your discipline.

Strengthen your professional reputation, by **raising the profile and increasing impact of your work** to a wider audience, i.e., meeting requirements of the Academic Promotions Framework and Open Education commendation at the UCL Education Awards.

Sustain UCL's civic and founding **commitment to be open and accessible** to all.

Save costs as high price tags and varying etextbook pricing models limit access to commercial textbooks for students and add pressure to library budgets.

Textbooks from UCL Press

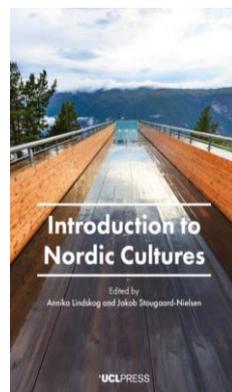
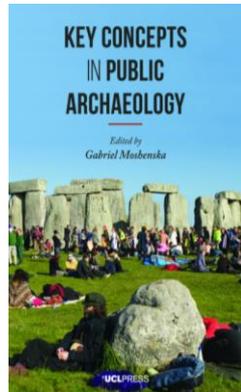
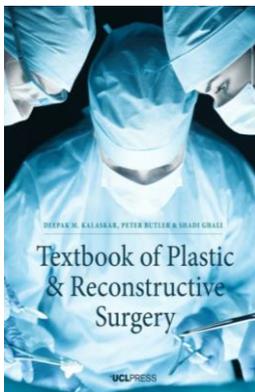
A brand-new open access textbook programme

If you can't find a suitable OA alternative for your reading list, would you consider writing a new OA textbook for your course or module?

UCL Press is currently developing a new programme of open access textbooks, for undergraduate and postgraduate courses and modules, across a variety of disciplines. This landmark programme will mark out UCL Press as the **first UK-based academic publisher** to produce and distribute a programme of high-quality textbooks, free to download and access digitally, from anywhere in the world.

Each textbook will be developed with the student in mind and include pedagogical features to support navigation through a key topic or theme, within a given subject area. We appreciate the efforts required for academics to write textbooks and UCL Press are offering authors a writing fee for their work.

Our initial programme of open access textbooks will be written by academics and experts based at UCL and provide faculty, students and the wider academic community with digitally accessible, peer-reviewed, textbooks that showcase teaching excellence and support the learning experience.



Current textbooks available from UCL Press [Textbook of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery](#), [Key Concepts in Public Archaeology](#), and [Introduction to Nordic Cultures](#).

These texts combined have received more than 200,000+ downloads, in 195 countries and territories



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If you are based at UCL and feel that there is an opportunity to collaborate with UCL Press on an open access textbook, then we would love to hear from you!