



Press Kit

About OpenStax

OpenStax is part of Rice University, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. Originally founded by Rice University Professor Richard Baraniuk as Connexions in 1999, OpenStax was launched in 2012 to provide free, high-quality, peer-reviewed, and openly licensed textbooks for high school and college courses. Initially, we targeted courses with high enrollment and historically high cost of materials.

Over the years, our library has grown to include over 60 textbooks for high school and college with many being translated into Spanish and Polish languages. Our organization now includes a cutting-edge education research division and K12 division which, alongside textbooks, provides a standards-aligned, interactive Algebra I curriculum. All of this work in conjunction with our EdTech partner program (our allies) and Institutional Partner program serves our commitment to building a future where each and every student can access the tools they need to complete their courses and achieve their educational dreams.

Testimonials

“OpenStax was founded for the express purpose of bringing open educational resources into the mainstream. We are disruptors to the traditional publishing landscape. Our goal is to increase quality, decrease cost, improve the learning experience, and ensure every student has access to the course materials they need. Learning materials have gotten so expensive, students are often forced to choose to go without. We aim to understand the needs of educators and students, support the teaching and learning process, and help students grow to their highest, best potential without financial burden.”

-Professor Richard G. Baraniuk, founder and executive director, *OpenStax*

“The model and culture of OpenStax directly reflects our greater mission - we strive to be transparent, open, widely distributed, and ultimately be the change we wish to see in the world. Our substantial impact to date has been made possible by the authors, educators, advocates, students, and employees who support and embrace this important work.”

-Daniel Williamson, managing director, *OpenStax*

“OpenStax believes diversity, equity, and inclusion are at the heart of student success and essential to the health of education as a field. To that end, we are committed to creating and providing content that is culturally responsive, inclusive, and representative. The learners we serve find themselves, their histories, and their communities in OpenStax content and products and, by virtue of open licensing, educators are free to further adapt our content as needed to meet the needs of their students.”

-Kathi Fletcher, director of fairness, accountability, transparency, and ethics (FATE), *OpenStax*

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Fact Sheet

Year founded: 1999

How does OpenStax work? OpenStax provides products and services to educators and learners everywhere. We listen to the field to assess the highest level of need, seek philanthropic support and community donations for funding, and then begin our rigorous development process.

Number of OpenStax textbooks currently available: 63

Students who have used OpenStax since launch: 23.3 million

Students who used OpenStax in the 2021-2022 academic year: 6.4 million

Money saved since launch: \$1.8 billion

Money saved in the 2021 - 2022 academic year: \$440 million

Countries reported using OpenStax textbooks: 144

Current institution textbook adoptions in the United States: 5,394 total institutions made up of 2,277 higher education and 3,003 K12 institutions with 114 additional identifying as other.

Number of OpenStax Allies: 96

Number of Houston-area educators using RAISE: 85

Number of students engaging in Kinetic research studies: 5,500

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Textbook Collections

(As of April 2023)

Math

Algebra and Trigonometry 2e
Calculus Volumes 1, 2, 3
College Algebra 2e
College Algebra 2e with Corequisite Support
Contemporary Mathematics
Elementary Algebra 2e
Intermediate Algebra 2e
Introductory Business Statistics
Introductory Statistics
Prealgebra 2e
Precalculus 2e

Science

Anatomy and Physiology 1, 2e
Astronomy 1, 2e
Biology 2e
Chemistry 2e
Chemistry: Atoms First 2e
College Physics 1, 2e
Concepts of Biology
Fizyka (Polish University Physics) Volumes 1, 2, 3
Microbiology
University Physics Volumes 1, 2, 3

Business

Business Ethics
Business Law I Essentials
Entrepreneurship
Financial Accounting
Introduction to Business
Introduction to Intellectual Property
Introductory Business Statistics
Managerial Accounting
Organizational Behavior
Principles of Finance
Principles of Management
Principles of Marketing

Social Sciences

American Government 3e
Introduction to Anthropology
Introduction to Political Science
Introduction to Sociology 3e
Mikroekonomia (Polish Microeconomics)
Principles of Economics 2, 3e
Principles of Macroeconomics 2, 3e
Principles of Microeconomics 2, 3e
Psychologia (Polish Psychology)
Psychology 2e

Humanities

Introduction to Philosophy
U.S. History
World History, Volume 2: from 1400
Writing Guide with Handbook

Essentials

Business Law I Essentials

College Success

College Success
College Success Concise

High School

Biology for AP® courses
College Physics for AP® courses 1, 2e
High School Physics
Principles of Macroeconomics for AP® Courses 2e
Principles of Microeconomics for AP® Courses 2e
High School Statistics

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