A Production Workflow for OER Projects

Start here

Have you explored OER in your subject area?

Yes

No

Consult with a librarian

Have you been trained in OER and Copyright?

Yes

No

Consult with a librarian

Have you defined your OER project goals?

Yes

No

Select usable OER

Create working files (Box)

Define roles and assign tasks

Plan for assessment

Do you have enough support?

Yes

No

Consult with a librarian

Pre-production

Design

Select usable OER

Create working files (Box)

Define roles and assign tasks

Plan for assessment

Do you have enough support?

Yes

No

Consult with a librarian

Develop OER outline

Create templates for contributors

Do you have sufficient resources?

Yes

No

Consult with a librarian

Write/revise content

Format and style

Proofreading/ QA check

Are your drafts ready for production?

Yes

No

Discuss OER publishing options

Development

Publication

Export to HTML & PDF

Create DOI, ISBN

Assign a Creative Commons License

Does the OER meet your initial goals?

Yes

No

Consult with a librarian

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Request a consultation with Copyright or User Experience Librarian

Distribute to students and make available to the public

How to use this workflow diagram

This workflow can help you understand the major steps in the production of OER and manage your own progress in your project. Key questions are asked at various points and directions to support are included.

Key Terms

OER = Open Educational Resources
IP = Intellectual Property
QA = Quality Assurance

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