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Open source textbooks for a basic communication course available online

This is a list of full textbooks that are currently available with open source licensing.

[Wikibooks Survey of Communication Studies](#)

[A Primer on Communication Studies](#)

[Stand Up, Speak Out](#)

[Public Speaking Project](#)

[Public Speaking on-line course from Lumen Learning](#)

[Introduction to Communication collaboration between Lumen and Northern Virginia Community College](#)

<https://www.saylor.org/books/> has many open source textbooks in Word format. They have probably been converted from html files and are pretty messy, but they are more editable than web pages and PDFs that are more common.

UMN has a good version of the main text I use if you want it web-based. It is listed as the Primer on Communication Studies in the lardbucket archive above — <https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/subjects/journalism-media-studies-communications> . It is listed here and in Saylor as Communication in the Real World.

Welcome to Basic Course OER!

This site is dedicated to collecting open educational resources and tools for communication faculty in higher education. The goal of the site is to encourage the use and creation of these resources for the basic communication course.

Under construction.

April 6, 2014 -- NEW links to texts and content creation tools. See navigation on the left.

December 8, 2015 -- Added links to on-line texts/courses from Lumen Learning. See [Textbooks](#).

October 1, 2016 -- Added link to textbook created using OER resources with [Pressbooks](#). This textbook is complete but it is under construction with the plan of editing it to two-thirds its current length and considerable formatting.

Links to repositories with significant teaching material for basic communication courses

[Wisc-online oral communication learning objects](#)

[Washington state open course library- link for basic course](#)

[Central States GIFTS \(Great Ideas for Teaching Speech\) Blog with activities](#)

(CSCA links to an outdated site.)

[Concepts in Communication Study -- glossary developed by graduate students at the University of Illinois](#)

[MERLOT -- Communication Studies](#)

[Understanding Open Licensing: Day Four - Finding Openness](#) from [IDS Knowledge Services](#)

Slideshare video on open licensing with list of sites at the end

[Oppia](#)

- Google-initiated project to develop on-line "explorations"

[Scalar](#)

- tool to develop web sites with unique digital humanities features

[Text Adventures article](#)

- Chronicle of Higher Education article with links to several tools for creating text adventures for educational use

[TED-Ed](#)

- TED site for developing interactive exercises (called "flips") using TED talks