



# The Benefits of OER in an Arabic University Course

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# My Experience with OER

1. Open textbook
2. Using Media space offered by PSU:  
[mediaspace.pdx.edu](http://mediaspace.pdx.edu)



# Open Textbook

Supported by PSU library

Textbook costs ( saved over \$ 5000 for my students).

Free for PSU students and students across the world

Why Arabic?

Why I choose to use an Open Textbook for my students in Spoken  
Arabic?



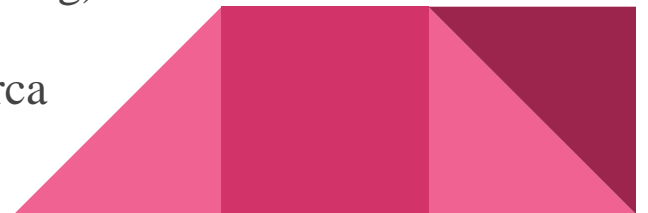
# Open Textbook

The first Arabic open textbook to be posted on University of Minnesota (UMN).

Link to the book through both [PSU library website](#) and [UMN](#)

Current readership: (as of 4/18)

1. Read in 60 countries and downloaded 500 times and counting).
2. Ministero Della Pubblica Istruzione, Universita 'E Ricerca



## Open Textbook

Currently, my colleague Professor Breedlove is working on his + usage of his book in our Arabic classes.

PSU is leading in foreign language open textbooks ( Japanese, Arabic, Spanish and more coming).



# PSU Media Space, Why Not YouTube?

<https://media.pdx.edu/>

Videos using two programs:

- 1) Mondopad (Office of Academic Innovation)
- 2) Kaltura Capture Space desk recorder



## Why I Make Videos

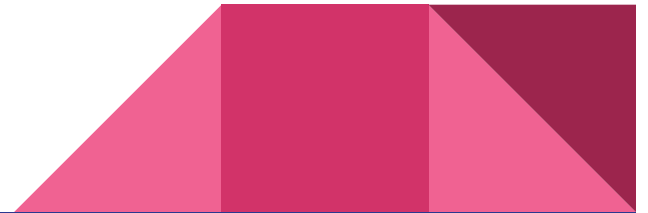
Time-demanding lessons + more practice time in class

Good review source

Visual students like it

Positive feedback from students!

Samples of my work on Media Space



## Conclusion: OER in our classrooms

