

[The Orange Grove Digital Repository](#) (OGR) is an online, statewide initiative of the [Florida Distance Learning Consortium](#) to store and manage instructional, organizational, and professional development resources. Robust metadata (descriptive information) enables faculty, administrators and students to easily discover, use and remix content as well as share, disseminate, and collaborate in the development of any instructional resources.

RESOURCES - A wide range of resources are available within multiple collections. Resources are free for educational use but may be protected through various copyright statements associated with each resource. Collections open to all users include the Orange Grove, Open Textbooks, and Harvested Resources. The number of resources by each collection reflects the number of items that you may access based on your permissions. The cataloguing of resources with controlled vocabularies such as MeSH, ERIC, GEM subject headings, and Florida statewide course numbers, allows for precision searching. Explore what the repository offers at: <http://florida.theorangegrove.org/og>.

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (LMS) INTEGRATION - The repository software can be integrated into major commercial and open source learning management systems (LMS) to enable a single sign on and ease of use from within a faculty member's familiar LMS environment. All accounts are created through the LMS.

ACCESS – If your institution does not offer LMS integration with The Orange Grove, Florida public education faculty and staff may [request a member account](#) to enable the contribution of resources, and gain access to additional features and resources licensed exclusively for Florida. Educators from outside of Florida, students, and members of the public are always welcome to access our large number of publically available resources by logging in as a [guest user](#).

CONTRIBUTING - A faculty or staff member can contribute any type of resource such as: administrative or professional development documents, tutorials, instructional resources that they have created, a URL to a favorite website, or even a remix of content already in the repository. The cost to develop high quality content remains expensive, but when shared across a state or multiple states, the development costs drop to just pennies and its impact grows dramatically. [RSS feeds](#) enable personal notification when a resource or textbook becomes available in a faculty member's area of interest. In addition, repository users can comment on or rate a resource.

- **Florida public education faculty and staff:** Please [request a member account](#) to contribute resources or complete the [Suggest a Resource form](#).
- **Educators from outside of Florida and guests:** Please send us resource links or files that you would like to share. We will add them for you. To submit a resource for consideration; please complete the [Suggest a Resource form](#).

GRANTS - The Orange Grove Digital Repository received two US Department of Education FIPSE grants. The first grant, [OnCoRe Blueprint](#) (2006-2011) was a \$475,000 **Comprehensive** grant to develop a blueprint to create, implement and sustain statewide or system level digital repositories. In October, 2009, the Orange Grove also received a two-year, \$300,000 FIPSE Special Focus grant to develop a model process for the implementation of [open](#) textbooks, based in part on the Florida Orange Grove Texts *Plus* initiative. To learn more, please access both grants at: www.oncoreblueprint.org and www.openacesstextbooks.org.

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Orange Grove Texts Plus

Making textbooks accessible, affordable, and adaptable

The [University Press of Florida](#) (UPF) and [The Orange Grove Digital Repository](#) have formed **Orange Grove Texts Plus (OGT+)**, a unique, public/private collaboration that builds on the strengths of a traditional publisher, a digital repository, a print-on-demand printer and an online homework service provider. OGT+ textbooks can be freely viewed, downloaded, and self-printed. Students who prefer a hard copy can use the site's one-click ordering to order a copy of the book printed, bound, and shipped directly to their home for about half the cost of a traditional publisher textbook.

PARTNERS - [Integrated Book Technology](#) (IBT) provides the interface for ordering a print copy of open textbooks by an individual student. Bookstores may purchase at a discount directly through UPF. [WebAssign](#) has also partnered with OGT+ to provide online homework, testing and embedded resources for select books, all at a significant discount for students. For example, the 'Concepts in Calculus I' open textbook from the University of Florida, Department of Mathematics is supported with WebAssign to help reinforce student learning through practice and instant feedback. WebAssign can support any course in any subject.

GOALS - During the past two legislative sessions, the Florida legislature passed legislation aimed at reducing textbook costs and exploring the use of open access textbooks. The OGT+ collaboration builds on these mandates to:

- reduce the cost of textbooks for high enrollment general education courses **by at least 40%**
- offer high quality open textbooks
- allow students to interact with their textbooks in the format that they choose
 - order a low cost print-on-demand textbook ,
 - self print, download, or read online all or part of the textbook at no cost

More titles are added on a continuing basis. Eventually, OGT+ will include books from UPF's backlist of more than 1600 titles, including many books developed to recover, investigate and disseminate the culture and history of Florida. Booksellers and wholesalers will be able to order books from this imprint on a non-returnable basis according to a standard discount schedule specifically designed for the imprint.

AUTHORING -If you are interested in authoring an open textbook or would like more information on the University Press of Florida, please contact Meredith Morris-Babb, Director, at mb@upf.com and check the authoring section at: www.openaccesstextbooks.org.

BOOKSTORES - Bookstores should call the [University Press of Florida's](#) toll free order number 1- 800-226-3822 to place an order or fax the order to 1-800-680-1955. All sales are final to ensure the affordability of OGT+ textbooks. Bookstores can also offer used copies for sale. For more information related to bookstores, please contact the University Press orders department at 1-800-226-3822 or via fax at 1-800-680-1955.



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