

# **BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION: FREE ONLINE COURSES, STUDY IN THE USA MATERIALS, FINANCIAL AID POSSIBILITIES**

**UNIVERSITIES OFFERING FREE COURSES ONLINE (AUG 1 2008 listing)**  
<http://howtosplitanatom.com/news/7-universities-offering-free-courses-online/>

**Coursepedia** lets you search for online courses by school, topic or career (via **AltSearchEngines**): <http://www.coursepedia.com/cpd/index.cfm>

**Academic Earth:** <http://academicearth.org/>

**Academic Earth provides videos of lectures by top scholars in subjects that range from Astronomy to Entrepreneurship to Religion, and come from universities as celebrated as MIT, Berkeley, Harvard, and Stanford. Visitors must register to view the lectures, but registration is free. There are over 1500 video lectures available, with more being added every day. One can even keep a playlist or download their favorite lectures.**

**SELECT FREE ONLINE COURSES:** <http://www.selectcourses.com/>

This is a service designed to help people find online degree programs, has posted a list of 100 free courses covering a wide range of topics. The complete title of their list is [100 Awesome Open Courses for Those Who Want to Change the World](#). The list is divided into nine sections spanning topics from health to environmental science to engineering, politics, religion, and education

**EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES TO YOUTUBE:**

<http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2008/11/23-alternatives-to-youtube.html>

**TOP MARKS: EDUCATIONAL SEARCH ENGINE:**

<http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2009/03/top-marks-educational-search-engine.html>

**CAMPUS CONNECTIONS [E Journal]:** International Students talk about their educational experiences abroad and discuss how their study in the U.S. shaped their lives: CAMPUS CONNECTIONS: AUG 2009 EJOURNAL ON STUDY USA:

<http://www.america.gov/publications/ejournalusa/0809.html>

**SEPTIVIUM: FREE ONLINE BOOKS**

<http://www.septivium.com/b/2009/05/07/mefi/>

Sometimes, students will ask for the best free online books in a particular subject area to gain subject mastery competency. The following site does that precisely that beautifully. **EDUCATIONAL ADVISORS:** Please share with other colleagues.

**TIPS TO GET READY FOR COLLEGE:**

<http://oedb.org/library/college-basics/88-surefire-tips>

**CURRIKI: GLOBAL EDUCATION LEARNING COMMUNITY:** LESSON PLANS IN ALL AREAS:

<http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Main/WebHome>

**DISTANCE EDUCATION RESOURCES:**

MIT OpenCourseWare: <http://ocw.mit.edu/OcwWeb/>

MIT has been receiving praise from around the world for their Open Course Ware initiative, which they started several years ago. Interested self-learners and

educators have appreciated the ability to look at lecture materials and syllabi from all over the world, and they have received testimonials from Malaysia, the United Kingdom, and Mexico. One subject covered is anthropology, and visitors to this particular segment of the Open Course Ware site will find a host of resources from different courses taught in this discipline at MIT. Currently, there are resources for about twenty undergraduate and graduate courses, including "Anthropological Theory", "Identity and Difference", and "Ethnic and National Identity". Visitors can look over lecture notes, syllabi, and other items.

An Article in **Yahoo News** on MIT's OPENCOURSEWARE may be found in: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20071229/ap\\_on\\_hi\\_te/megauniversity\\_world\\_classroom](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20071229/ap_on_hi_te/megauniversity_world_classroom) **"Internet Opens Elite College to All"**

### **MIT develops lecture search engine to aid students**

More than 200 MIT lectures are currently available on the site ([web.sls.csail.mit.edu/lectures/](http://web.sls.csail.mit.edu/lectures/)). So far, most of the users are international students who access the lectures through MIT's OpenCourseWare (OCW) initiative, which makes curriculum materials for most MIT courses available to anyone with Internet access. Although the lecture-browsing system is still in the early development stages, a recent announcement in OCW's newsletter has drawn increased traffic to the site.

The search engine will be most useful for OCW users and for MIT students who want to review lecture material. MIT World, a web site that provides video of significant MIT events such as lectures by speakers from MIT and around the world, is also participating in the project. On the prototype web site, users can search lectures for any term they want and then play the relevant sections.

See additional information at this site:

<http://www.technologyreview.com/Infotech/19747/?a=f>

See an article in the **NEW YORK TIMES** on a MIT Physics professor (WALTER LEWIN) who has a worldwide cult following for the way he teaches physics in these free online courses

[http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/19/education/19physics.html?\\_r=1&hp&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/19/education/19physics.html?_r=1&hp&oref=slogin)

### **ACCESS TO THE FULL TEXT OF OVER 14,000 MIT THESES AT**

<http://dspace.mit.edu>

### **U MASSACHUSETTS AT BOSTON NOW OFFERS FREE COURSE MATERIALS ON THE WEB:UMass Boston OpenCourseWare**

<http://ocw.umb.edu/>

The University of Massachusetts, Boston now has entered the world of OpenCourseWare. While the courses offered online here will not lead towards a formal degree (or confer course credit), they represent some of the best that the school has to offer. Visitors can click on the "Courses" tab to learn more about the current offerings, which include course materials on political science, biology, history, along with nursing and health sciences. Additionally, visitors can sign up for RSS feeds and they will be notified when new material is added to the site

### **OPEN YALE COURSES:**

<http://open.yale.edu/courses/> (Includes video and audio lectures, as well as lecture notes for each course.)

**MERLOT:** <http://www.merlot.org/Home.po> (**MERLOT** stands for Multi Media Educational Resources for Learning and Online Teaching.) Resources submitted by professional educators from a variety of institutions. See especially the what's new section for the latest educational resources:  
<http://www.merlot.org/home/WhatsNew.po>

**HARVARD'S SITE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION:**

<http://www.extension.harvard.edu/DistanceEd/>

**JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, BLOOMBERG SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

<http://ocw.jhsph.edu/>

**UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME: OPEN COURSE WARE**

<http://ocw.nd.edu/>

**TUFTS UNIVERSITY:**

<http://ocw.tufts.edu/> HAS LECTURE NOTES FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL, SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY, VETERINARY SCIENCES, etc.

**CARNEGIE MELLON'S OPENLEARNING INITIATIVE:**

<http://www.cmu.edu/oli/index.html>. Technology-based online courses.

**RICE UNIVERSITY – CONNECTIONS:** <http://cnx.org/> A clearinghouse of educational modules that can be organized as courses, books, reports, etc. Anyone may view or contribute: authors create and collaborate; instructors build and share custom collections; learners find and explore content.

**OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES:** <http://www.oercommons.org/> A clearinghouse of free teaching and learning resources – from K-12 lesson plans to college curriculum.

**OPEN CULTURE** – <http://www.oculture.com/2007/07/freeonlinecourses.html> A listing of free, on-line courses from U.S. universities. A blog entry, this list was fairly up-to-date in 2007.

**PODCASTS:** Many U.S. universities are offering podcasts of course lectures and/or prominent speakers. Most are available either through the university website or through iTunes University. The universities are too numerous to list here, but include Yale, Stanford, Berkeley, and many more.

In the website <http://www.financialaidpodcast.com>, one can sign up to have financial aid news sent daily in an email. You can also simply click onto the "listen now" and have broadcasted news similar to a radio broadcast.

In many respects, one can now get the same course content of an Ivy League education on your iPod. Take your pick - Yale, Stanford, UC Berkeley, MIT - the best schools in the nation are sharing their lectures, guest speakers, concerts, and more. Here's the mindblowing part: it's free. \$40,000 a year to attend a top tier school? Or free on your iPod? **Of course**, iTunesU or the other schools listed below **will never be** a substitute for a full education, but if you are preparing yourself for a US style education or if you are supplementing existing courses or educational experience with these resources, then you are enriching yourself with top courses, instructors, and materials from the best schools in the nation.

**Video and podcasts from Berkeley:**

<http://webcast.berkeley.edu/courses.php> Includes some lectures on information science. Also available through iTunes University.

**Educators Corner: podcasts from Stanford:**

<http://edcorner.stanford.edu/podcasts.html> (Currently offering speeches by Entrepreneurial Thought Leaders.)

**iTunes University:**

[http://www.apple.com/education/itunesu\\_mobilelearning/itunesu.html](http://www.apple.com/education/itunesu_mobilelearning/itunesu.html)

**MORE UNIVERSITIES OFFERING FREE WEB BASED COURSES AT:**

<http://www.ocwconsortium.org>

**TO FIND A SPECIFIC COURSE** : navigate to: <http://ocwfinder.org>

**UC BERKELEY ON GOOGLE VIDEO:** <http://video.google.com/ucberkeley.html>

From classic literature to emerging technologies, the curricula of academic departments span the wide world of thought and knowledge. The content on this page—drawn from campus seminars, courses and events—is just one part of UC Berkeley's distance education program.

**RELEVANT WEBCHAT TRANSCRIPTS:**

**Education in America Andrew** Rotherham,

[http://usinfo.state.gov/usinfo/USINFO/Products/Webchats/rotherham\\_28\\_nov\\_2006.html](http://usinfo.state.gov/usinfo/USINFO/Products/Webchats/rotherham_28_nov_2006.html)

**See You in the USA: State Department Official, Education Expert Discuss Studying in the U.S.**

Charisse Phillips and Alexandra Enzi

<http://www.america.gov/publications/ejournalusa/0905.html>

**OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT SITES:**

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE. BUREAU OF EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS.**

**EDUCATION USA: INFORMATION ABOUT STUDYING IN THE U.S.:**

<http://exchanges.state.gov/education/educationusa/>

and <http://educationusa.state.gov/>

**STUDY IN THE U.S.** <http://www.usa.gov/visitors/study.shtml>

**E-JOURNAL:**

**See You in the USA: E JOURNAL:**

<http://www.america.gov/publications/ejournalusa/0905.html>

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**FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED WEB SITES:**

**COLLEGE NAVIGATOR** This source for college information allows you to search for U.S. colleges by name, location, type of institution, and programs/majors. Provides material about expenses, financial aid, enrollment, admission, athletics, and more.

Include multiple institutions on a "favorites" list to see side-by-side comparisons. Also includes links to material about applying for financial aid and careers. From the Institute of Education Science (IES) National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education. <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

**CAMPUS EXPLORER:** FIND INFORMATION ON OVER 6,000 CAMPUSES IN THE US AND CANADA AND FIND WHICH ONE OFFERS YOUR PROPOSED AREA OF STUDY: <http://www.campusexplorer.com> (includes a highly useful search engine.)



[College Crunch](http://www.collegecrunch.com) claims to be "the best college resource online ever." College Crunch features college reviews, college profiles, tips for navigating the logistics of college financing, and career planning advice. The career planning advice includes lists of salaries by career.

**FASTWEB: MATCHING STUDENTS TO SCHOLARSHIPS:**

<http://fastweb.com/>

FastWeb helps students choose a college, pay for college, and find jobs and internships. And it's all free.

**FUNDING FOR U.S. STUDY ONLINE:** An excellent source for locating the hundreds of grants specifically for International students awarded by governments, foundations, and international organizations. Searchable by country/region or field. [www.fundingusstudy.org](http://www.fundingusstudy.org)

**FINAID:** While most information for International Students appears on EDUPASS, this web site includes web sites for college university financial aid offices and useful information on scholarship scams. [www.finaid.com](http://www.finaid.com)

**SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT RESOURCES:** COMPREHENSIVE LISTING

<http://ejw.i8.com/grant.htm>

**GRANTS IN GRADUATE STUDIES.** Has a section for International Students.

[www.nyu.edu/gsas/fininfo/gigs.html](http://www.nyu.edu/gsas/fininfo/gigs.html)

**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FINANCIAL AID:** Designed for International Students, this web site includes a database of over 1000 scholarships, searchable by award type, location and field of study. [www.iefaf.org/](http://www.iefaf.org/)

**STUDENT AID AND APPLYING FOR COLLEGE:**

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/index.jsp>

**STUDENT FINANCIAL AID:** <http://library.sau.edu/bestinfo/Student/aid.htm>

Provides access to information on colleges and universities throughout the United States, free college scholarship and financial aid searches, SAT and ACT test preparation tips. Also provides graduate school preparation with tips for GRE, GMAT, MBA programs, and more at 101 Top College, University and Scholarship Pages.

**TOOLS FOR A COLLEGE STUDENT'S FINANCIAL SUCCESS:**

<http://www.smartmoney.com/dealoftheday/index.cfm?story=20070718&hpagenda=1>

**WEB SITES OF AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, BY STATE:**

<http://www.utexas.edu/world/univ/state/>

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Other related resources at:

<http://tinyurl.com/6dfaxn> (Constantly updated)