

Usable Media for Online Courses

Overview

Learning materials form the core of any fully online course. Though these materials often include content created by the faculty (e.g. recorded lectures), many resources are now being integrated in from a diverse range of external sources. The sites and services listed in this document provide free access to high quality learning materials that can be used in or linked to from your Blackboard course site.

Kent State University Resources

- KSU Teleproductions: Custom video production
- KSU Multimedia Group: Custom-built interactive, web-based modules
- KSU Library: Library Resources for Online Learning, available at: <http://extra.lms.kent.edu/page/page/16961>

Video (Web-Based Sources)

- YouTube Education: <http://www.youtube.com/education>
- TED: <http://www.ted.com>
- TED-Ed: <http://ed.ted.com/lessons>
- NBC Learn: Accessible through Blackboard Learn
- Encyclopedia of Physics Demonstrations: <http://dmc.ohiolink.edu/cgi/i/image/image-idx?page=index;c=physics>
- Foreign Language Video Instructions: <http://dmc.ohiolink.edu/cgi/i/image/image-idx?page=index;c=forglv>
- Educational Films & Documentaries: <http://dmc.ohiolink.edu/cgi/i/image/image-idx?page=index;c=dvc>
- TeacherTube: <http://www.teachertube.com/>
- MIT Video: <http://video.mit.edu/>
- Big Think: <http://bigthink.com/>
- Google Talks: <http://www.youtube.com/user/AtGoogleTalks>
- How Stuff Works: <http://videos.howstuffworks.com/>
- PBS Video: <http://video.pbs.org/>
- Free Documentaries: <http://www.freedocumentaries.org/>
- Library of Congress Teacher Resources: <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/>
- FedFlix: <http://archive.org/details/FedFlix>

- Academic Earth (free and for credit lectures): <http://academicearth.org/>
- Khan Academy: <http://www.khanacademy.org/>
- ShowMe: <http://www.showme.com/>
- iTunes U: <http://www.apple.com/education/itunes-u/>

Video (Cable Sources)

- National Geographic (YouTube): <http://www.youtube.com/user/NationalGeographic/videos>
- National Geographic: <http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/>
- Discovery Education: <http://streaming.discoveryeducation.com/>
- C-Span Video Library: <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/videoLibrary/>
- History Channel: <http://www.history.com/videos>
- Biography.com: <http://www.biography.com/videos>
- BBC Learning: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/>

Graphics and Photos

Creative Commons (CC) Images:

- Flickr Creative Commons (CC): <http://www.flickr.com/creativecommons/>
- Wikimedia Commons (CC, public domain, or usable images, audio and video from the Wikimedia Foundation): http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page
- Wylio (CC search engine for bloggers; only returns CC image results): <http://www.wylio.com/>
- Creative Commons (search engine from CC that queries several major databases): <http://search.creativecommons.org/>

Stock Photography

- stock.xchng (free stock photo site): <http://sxc.hu/>
- MorgueFile (not what it sounds like; stock photo site with a healthy free section): <http://www.morguefile.com/archive/>
- LIFE Magazine Photo Archive (hosted by Google): <http://images.google.com/hosted/life>

Art

- ArtStor Kent State institutional membership: <http://www.artstor.org/index.shtml>
- Museum of Fine Arts Boston: <http://www.mfa.org/collections/mfa-images>

Google

- Google Docs: Not a link; Google Docs has a searchable database of stock photos if you use the “Insert Image” function in any Google Doc
- Google Images*: <http://images.google.com/>

*Note: Google Images cannot determine which images are freely available to use, and which are actively protected by intellectual property laws. This does not mean you cannot use the image, but it should go through a Fair Use evaluation before being placed in your online course to ensure the University is in compliance with federal and state copyright laws. All images should include proper source citation.

Journal and Article Databases

- KSU University Libraries Journal Databases (by subject): <http://www.library.kent.edu/page/10084>
- Google Scholar: <http://scholar.google.com/>
- HighWire (Stanford University): <http://highwire.stanford.edu/lists/freeart.dtl>
- Directory of Open Access Journals: <http://www.doaj.org/>
- Science.gov: <http://www.science.gov/>
- List of Academic Databases and Search Engines: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_academic_databases_and_search_engines
- Ohio Digital Bookshelf Project: <http://ohiodigitalbookshelf.ning.com/>