# Glossary

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|  Acronym  |  Explanation  |
|  ACBS  |  Academic Credit Bank System  |
|  ACDE  |  African Council for Distance Education  |
|  ACE  |  Advancement of College Education (Case of Japan and Korea)  |
|  ACE  |  Academic Commons for Education  |
|  ACE  |  Awards for OpenCourseWare Excellence  |
|  ACODE  |  Australasian Council on Open, Distance and e-Learning  |
|  ACT  |  Australian Capital Territory  |
|  ACU  |  ASEAN Cyber University  |
|  ACU-OCW  |  ASEAN Cyber University-OpenCourseWare  |
|  ADDIE  |  Analysis, Design, Development, Implementation, and Evaluation  |
|  ADMS  |  Academic Data Management System  |
|  AfSIS  |  African Soil Information Service  |
|  AHERO  |  African Higher Education Research Online  |
|  AI  |  Artificial Intelligence  |
|  ANECA  |  National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation of Spain  |
|  ANU  |  Australian National University  |
|  ANU  |  Africa Nazarene University  |
|  AOASG  |  Australasian Open Access Strategy Group  |
|  API  |  Application Programming Interface  |
|  APQN  |  Asia Pacific Quality Network  |
|  AQF  |  Australian Quality Framework  |
|  AQU  |  Catalan University Quality Assurance Agency  |
|  ARC  |  Australian Research Council  |
|  ARCA  |  RSS Aggregator for the Academic Community  |
|  ARDC  |  Australian Research Data Commons  |
|  ARDEB  |  Research Support Program  |
|  AR4D  |  Agricultural Research for Development  |
|  ARROW  |  Australian Research Repositories Online to the World  |
|  ASARECA  |  Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa  |
|  ASCILITE  |  Australian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education  |
|  ASEAN  |  Association of South-East Asian Nations  |
|  ASSAF  |  Academy of Science of South Africa  |
|  ATEN  |  African Teacher Education OER Network  |
|  ATN  |  Australian Technology Network of Universities  |
|  ATSIDA  |  Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Data Archive  |
|  AusGOAL  |  Australian Government Open Access and Licensing Framework  |
|  AVU  |  African Virtual University  |
|  BAP  |  Scientific Research Projects  |
|  BASE  |  Bielefeld Academic Search Engine  |
|  BC  |  British Columbia  |
|  BCIT  |  British Columbia Institute of Technology  |
|  BMBF  |  Federal Ministery of Education and Research  |
|  BNU  |  Beijing Normal University  |
|  BOU  |  Beijing Open University  |
|  BTK  |  Information Technology and Communications Authority  |
|  BW  |  Baden-Württemberg  |
|  CAP  |  Chinese Advanced Placement  |
|  CARL  |  Canadian Association of Research Libraries  |
|  CAUDIT  |  Council of Australasian University Directors of Information Technology  |
|  CAUL  |  Council of Australian University Librarians  |
|  CAULLT  |  Council of Australasian University Leaders in Learning and Teaching  |
|  CC  |  Creative Commons  |
|  CCK08  |  Connectivism and Connective Knowledge  |
|  CDLRA  |  Canadian Digital Learning Research Association  |
|  CDO  |  Chief Digital Officer  |
|  CEDEC  |  National Centre of Curricular Development in non Proprietary Systems  |
|  CELTSC  |  Chinese E-Learning Technology Standardization Committee  |
|  CENT  |  Centre of Education and New Technologies  |
|  CEOE  |  Spanish Confederation of Corporate Organisations  |
|  CERNET  |  China Education and Research Network  |
|  CET  |  Centre for Educational Technology  |
|  CHE  |  Centre for Higher Education  |
|  CHE  |  Council on Higher Education  |
|  CHEA  |  Council for Higher Education Accreditation  |
|  CIC  |  Interuniversity Council of Catalonia  |
|  CIGI  |  Centre for International Governance Innovation  |
|  CILT  |  Centre for Innovation in Learning and Teaching  |
|  CiNii  |  Academic Information Circulation System  |
|  CIO  |  Chief Information Officer  |
|  CK  |  Creative Korea  |
|  CLO  |  Colleges Libraries Ontario  |
|  CMFS  |  China MOOCs for Foreign Studies  |
|  CMS  |  Content Management System  |
|  CMTN  |  Coast Mountain College  |
|  CNC  |  College of New Caledonia  |
|  CNIE  |  Canadian Network for Innovation in Education  |
|  COER  |  College of humanities‘ Research and Education  |
|  COHE  |  Council of Higher Education  |
|  CoL  |  Commonwealth of Learning  |
|  CoSTEP  |  Communication in Science and Technology Education & Research Program  |
|  CotR  |  College of the Rockies  |
|  CPC  |  Communist Party of China  |
|  CPD  |  Continuing Professional Development  |
|  CPEHE  |  Center for the Promotion of Excellence in Higher Education  |
|  CRDHE  |  The Center for Research and Development of Higher Education  |
|  CRUE  |  Conference of Vice-Chancellors of Spanish Universities  |
|  CSIR  |  Council for Scientific and Industrial Research  |
|  CSIRO  |  Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation  |
|  CSUC  |  Consortium of Catalan University Services  |
|  CTL  |  Center for Teaching and Learning  |
|  CU  |  C University  |
|  CU+  |  Career Up Plus  |
|  CUM  |  Chinese University MOOC  |
|  CUMCM  |  Contemporary Undergraduate Mathematical Contest in Modeling  |
|  DBE  |  Department of Basic Education, South Africa  |
|  DET  |  Department of Education and Training, South Africa  |
|  DHET  |  Department of Higher Education and Training, South Africa  |
|  DH-NRW  |  Digital University North Rhine-Westphalia  |
|  DIIS  |  Department of Industry Innovation and Science  |
|  DIPF  |  Leibniz Institute for Research and Information in Education  |
|  DIPIP  |  Data Informed Practice Improvement Project  |
|  DOAJ  |  Directory of Open Access Journals  |
|  DOAR  |  Directory of Open Access Repositories  |
|  DOE  |  Department of Education, China  |
|  DOT4D  |  Digital Online Textbooks for Development  |
|  DRIVER  |  Digital Repository Infrastructure Vision for European Research  |
|  DST  |  Department of Science and Technology, South Africa  |
|  DUCE  |  Dar es Salaam College of Education  |
|  DVC  |  Deputy Vice-Chancellors  |
|  EBA  |  Educational Informatics Network  |
|  ECTS  |  European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System  |
|  ECUAD  |  Emily Carr University of Art + Design  |
|  eCULT+  |  eCompetence and Utilities for Learners and Teachers  |
|  EDMS  |  Electronic Document Management System  |
|  EDTSC  |  Educational Digitalization Technology Standard Committee  |
|  EHEA  |  European Higher Education Area  |
|  EKUAL  |  National Academic License for Electronic Resources  |
|  ELAN  |  E-Learning Academic Network  |
|  eLOR  |  eLearning Objects Repository  |
|  ENI  |  National Interoperability Framework of Spain  |
|  ENQA  |  European Quality Assurance Association in Higher Education  |
|  EOSC  |  European Open Science Cloud  |
|  EQA  |  Education Quality Assurance  |
|  ER  |  Educational Resources  |
|  ERIC  |  Education Resources Information Center  |
|  EUA  |  European Universities Association  |
|  F.A.I.R.  |  Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable  |
|  FARA  |  Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa  |
|  FECYT  |  Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology  |
|  FHSST  |  Free High School Science Texts  |
|  GDP  |  Gross Domestic Product  |
|  GeRDI  |  Generic Research Data Infrastructure  |
|  GLOBE  |  Global Learning Object Brokered Exchange  |
|  HAW Hamburg  |  Hamburg University of Applied Sciences  |
|  HBZ  |  University Library Center of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia  |
|  HE  |  Higher Education  |
|  HEC  |  Higher Education Council  |
|  HEI  |  Higher Education Institution  |
|  HEQC  |  Higher Education Quality Council  |
|  HERDSA  |  Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia  |
|  HFD  |  Hochschulforum Digitalisierung  |
|  HOOU  |  Hamburg Open Online University  |
|  IA  |  Infrastructure Australia  |
|  IATI  |  International Aid Transparency Initiative  |
|  ICC  |  Information & Computer Center  |
|  ICT  |  Information and Communications Technology  |
|  ICTS  |  Information and Communication Technology Services  |
|  ICU  |  International Christian University, Japan  |
|  ID  |  Instructional Design  |
|  IDRC  |  Canadian International Development Research Centre  |
|  IEEE  |  Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers  |
|  iFLYTEK  |  Chinese information technology company  |
|  IIC  |  Information Initiative Center  |
|  INTEF  |  National Institute of Educational Technologies and Teacher Training, Spain  |
|  INQUAAHE  |  International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education  |
|  IoT  |  Internet of Things  |
|  IP  |  Intellectual Property  |
|  IPR  |  Intellectual Property Rights  |
|  IR  |  Institutional Repository  |
|  IRDB  |  Institutional Repositories Database  |
|  IRRODL  |  International Review of Research in Open and Distributed Learning  |
|  ISA  |  Innovation and Science Australia  |
|  ISKME  |  Institute for the Study of Knowledge Management in Education  |
|  IS&T  |  Information System and Technology  |
|  ITAC  |  Information Technology Association of Canada  |
|  ITC  |  Information Technology Center  |
|  IWM  |  Leibniz-Institut für Wissensmedien  |
|  JIBC  |  Justice Institute of British Columbia  |
|  JISC  |  Joint Information Systems Committee  |
|  JMOOC  |  Japan Massive Open Online Education Promotion Council  |
|  JOCW  |  Japan OpenCourseWare  |
|  JPCOAR  |  Japan Consortium for Open Access Repository  |
|  KCU Consortium  |  Korea Cyber University Consortium  |
|  KEM  |  Korea Education Metadata  |
|  KERIS  |  Korea Education and Research Information Service  |
|  KMK  |  Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs, Germany  |
|  K-MOOC  |  Korean Massive Open Online Course  |
|  KNUST  |  Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology  |
|  KOCW  |  Korea OpenCourseWare  |
|  KOCWC  |  Korean OpenCourseWare College  |
|  KPU  |  Kwantlen Polytechnic University  |
|  KREN  |  Korea Education Network  |
|  LCKC  |  Learning Cell Knowledge Community  |
|  LIFE  |  Libraries For Everyone  |
|  LINC+  |  Leaders in INdustry-university Cooperation  |
|  LMS  |  Learning Management System  |
|  LOCKSS  |  Lots Of Copies Keep Stuff Safe  |
|  LOM  |  Learning Object Metadata  |
|  LOR  |  Learning Object Repository  |
|  LRMI  |  Learning Resource Metadata Initiative  |
|  LTIP  |  Learning and Teaching Induction Program  |
|  LTSM  |  Learning and Teaching Support Materials  |
|  LTSC  |  Learning Technology Standards Committee  |
|  MDERC  |  Modern Distance Education Resources Committee  |
|  MDX  |  Teaching Materials in Net  |
|  MECD  |  Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, Spain  |
|  METU  |  Middle East Technical University  |
|  MOE  |  Ministry of Education, China  |
|  MoNE  |  Ministry of National Education, Turkey  |
|  MOOC  |  Massive Open Online Course  |
|  mOOC  |  micro Open Online Course  |
|  MOST  |  Mutual Online System for Teaching & Learning  |
|  NARS  |  National Agricultural Research Systems  |
|  NCI  |  National Computational Infrastructure  |
|  NERC  |  National E-learning Resources Center  |
|  NFDP  |  New Faculty Development Program, ICU  |
|  NGO  |  Non-Governmental Organization  |
|  NHMRC  |  National Health and Medical Research Council  |
|  NIC  |  North Island College  |
|  NII  |  National Institute of Informatics  |
|  NILE  |  National Institute for Lifelong Education  |
|  NLC  |  Northern Lights College  |
|  NMMU  |  Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University  |
|  NOOC  |  Nano Open Online Massive  |
|  NOUN  |  National Open University of Nigeria  |
|  NRC  |  National Reading Coalition  |
|  NRF  |  National Research Foundation  |
|  NRW  |  North Rhine-Westphalia  |
|  NSW  |  New South Wales  |
|  NT  |  Northern Territory  |
|  NVIT  |  Nicola Valley Institute of Technology  |
|  NZ  |  New Zealand  |
|  OAI  |  Open Archives Initiative  |
|  OAI-ORE  |  Open Archives Initiative Object Reuse and Exchange  |
|  OAI-PMH  |  Open Archives Initiative-Protocol for Metadata Harvesting  |
|  OAIS  |  Open Archival Information System  |
|  OCAV  |  Ontario Council of Academic Vice-Presidents  |
|  OCLS  |  Ontario Colleges Library Service  |
|  OCUL  |  Ontario Council of University Libraries  |
|  OCW  |  OpenCourseWare  |
|  ODL  |  Open and Distance Learning  |
|  ODLAA  |  Open & Distance Learning Australia  |
|  OEC  |  Center for Open Education  |
|  OEC  |  Open Education Consortium  |
|  OECD  |  Organisation for Economic, Co-operation and Development  |
|  OEP  |  Open Educational Practices  |
|  OER  |  Open Educational Resources  |
|  OJS  |  Open Journal Systems  |
|  OL  |  Open Learning  |
|  OLC  |  Online Learning Consortium  |
|  ON  |  Ontario  |
|  OOI  |  Ontario Online Institute  |
|  OPE  |  Operation Phakisa in Education  |
|  OpenDOAR  |  Directory of Open Access Repositories  |
|  OUC  |  Open University of China  |
|  OUJ  |  Open University Japan  |
|  ORC-ID  |  Open Researcher and Contributor ID  |
|  PD  |  Professional Development  |
|  PEQAB  |  Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board  |
|  PHEA  |  Partnership for Higher Education in Africa  |
|  PKU  |  Peking University  |
|  PSE  |  Postsecondary Education  |
|  PSET  |  Post-school Education and Training  |
|  QA  |  Quality Assurance  |
|  QTI  |  Question & Test Interoperability  |
|  Que  |  Queensland  |
|  QULOC  |  Queensland University Libraries Office of Cooperation  |
|  R&D  |  Research and Development  |
|  REBIUN  |  Network of Spanish University Libraries  |
|  RECOLECTA  |  Open Science Harvester, Spain  |
|  RISS  |  Research Information Sharing Service  |
|  RMIT  |  Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology  |
|  ROAR  |  Registry of Open Access Repositories  |
|  ROARMAP  |  Registry of Open Access Repositories Mandatory Archiving Policies  |
|  ROER4D  |  Research on Open Educational Resources for Development  |
|  ROIS  |  Research Organization of Information and Systems  |
|  RRU  |  Royal Roads University  |
|  RTVU  |  China Central Radio and Television University  |
|  RUBRIC  |  Regional Universities Building Research Infrastructure Collaboratively  |
|  RUC  |  Renmin University of China  |
|  RWTH  |  Rheinish-Westphalian Technical University  |
|  SA  |  South Australia  |
|  SABINET  |  South African Bibliographical and Information Network  |
|  SABIS  |  Sakarya University Information System  |
|  SAIDE  |  South African Institute of Distance Education  |
|  SAIIA  |  South African Institute of International Affairs  |
|  SAIVCET  |  South African Institute for Vocational and Continuing Education and Training  |
|  SALDRU  |  Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit  |
|  SANLIC  |  South African National Library and Information Consortium  |
|  SAUX  |  Sakarya University Extended  |
|  SCI  |  Science Citation Index  |
|  SciELO  |  Scientific Electronic Library Online  |
|  SCORM  |  Sharable Content Object Reference Model  |
|  SCOSS  |  Global Sustainability Coalition for Open Science Services  |
|  SCUT  |  South China University of Technology  |
|  SFU  |  Simon Fraser University  |
|  SINET  |  Science Information NETwork  |
|  SNU  |  Seoul National University  |
|  SOS  |  Study of Success  |
|  SPARC  |  Smart Pavements Australia Research Collaboration  |
|  SPOCs  |  Small Private Online Courses  |
|  SSCI  |  Social Sciences Citation Index  |
|  STEM  |  Science Technology Engineering Mathematics  |
|  SWOT  |  Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats  |
|  SynLLOER  |  Synergies for Teaching and Learning through OER  |
|  TA  |  Teaching Assistant  |
|  TBD  |  Turkish Informatics Association  |
|  TDX  |  Doctoral Thesis in Net  |
|  TEL  |  Technology Enhanced Learning  |
|  TEQSA  |  Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency  |
|  TESSA  |  Teacher Education in Sub Saharan Africa  |
|  THE  |  Times Higher Education  |
|  THEQC  |  Turkish Higher Education Quality Council  |
|  TRU  |  Thompson Rivers University  |
|  TSMDERC  |  Technical Specifications for Modern Distance Education Resources Construction  |
|  TSSSCC  |  Technical Specifications for State-benchmarking Shared Courses Construction  |
|  TÜBİTAK  |  Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey  |
|  TUHH  |  Technical University of Hamburg  |
|  TUT  |  Tshwane University of Technology  |
|  TVET  |  Technical and Vocational Education and Training  |
|  UAB  |  Autonomous University of Barcelona  |
|  UADMK  |  National Open Courseware Consortium  |
|  UB  |  University Library  |
|  UB  |  University of Barcelona  |
|  UBC  |  University of British Columbia  |
|  UCM  |  Complutense University of Madrid  |
|  UC3M  |  University Carlos III of Madrid  |
|  UCT  |  University of Cape Town  |
|  UDE  |  University Duisburg Essen  |
|  UdG  |  University of Girona  |
|  UDIMA, private open university  |  Distance University of Madrid  |
|  UdL  |  University of Lleida  |
|  UFS  |  University of the Free State  |
|  UFV  |  University of the Fraser Valley  |
|  UG  |  University of Ghana  |
|  UH  |  University H, Japan  |
|  UIB  |  University of the Balearic Islands  |
|  UJ  |  University of Johannesburg  |
|  UJS  |  Turkish Academic Network and Information Center Journal Systems  |
|  UKZN  |  University of Kwazulu Natal  |
|  ULAKBIM  |  Turkish Academic Network and Information Center  |
|  UNBC  |  University of Northern British Columbia  |
|  UNED  |  National University of Distance Education  |
|  UNESCO  |  United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization  |
|  UNIA  |  University of Seville  |
|  UNIR  |  International University of La Rioja  |
|  Unisa  |  University of South Africa  |
|  UNED  |  National Distance Education University  |
|  UOC  |  Open University of Catalonia  |
|  UOW  |  University of Wollongong  |
|  UP  |  University of Pretoria  |
|  UPC  |  Polytechnic University of Catalonia  |
|  UPF  |  Pompeu Fabra University  |
|  UPM  |  Polytechnic University of Madrid  |
|  UPV  |  Polytechnic University of Valencia  |
|  URV  |  University of Rovira i Virgili  |
|  USAf  |  Universities South Africa  |
|  USQ  |  University of Southern Queensland  |
|  UTAS  |  University of Tasmania  |
|  UTEID  |  Unit for Educational Technology and Innovative Teaching  |
|  UTokyo  |  University of Tokyo  |
|  UTS  |  University of Technology Sydney  |
|  UVic  |  University of Victoria  |
|  UVic  |  University of Vic  |
|  UWC  |  University of Western Cape  |
|  UZEMs  |  Distance Education Centers  |
|  VCC  |  Vancouver Community College  |
|  VET  |  Vocational Education and Training  |
|  VHB  |  Virtual University Bavaria  |
|  Vic  |  Victoria, Canada  |
|  VIU  |  Vancouver Island University  |
|  VUT  |  Vaal University of Technology  |
|  WA  |  Western Australia  |
|  WOS  |  Web of Science  |
|  XCITR  |  eXplore Chemical Information Teaching Resources  |
|  ZIM  |  Learning Technologies Division of the Centre for Media and Information Services  |
|  ZOERR  |  The Central OER Repository of the Universities of the State of Baden-Württemberg  |

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