Open Education Week

During the month of March, Montgomery College celebrates Open Education Week at all three campuses. Students, faculty, and staff can stop by our information table and enjoy a slice of cake and ask questions related to the MC Open initiative at the College.

The goal of Open Education Week is to raise awareness about free and open educational opportunities that exist for everyone, everywhere, right now. Montgomery College wants to highlight how open education can help people meet their goals in education.

Please check the ELITE's MC Open website link to see dates and times.

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To narrow your search for Z-courses in the online Class Schedule, go down to Attribute Type and select Z-courses.

MC OPEN

Improve Student Success Through Open Educational Resources

SUCCESS, ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, COLLABORATION

MC Open

The MC Open initiative focuses on faculty redesigning courses using Open Educational Resources (OER) to leverage pedagogy that fosters student success while reducing costs and increasing access to course materials.

Montgomery College is committed to providing OER course options leading to degree completion (commonly called Z-degrees).

The MC Open initiative aims to:

1. Promote student success by encouraging faculty to redesign courses using Open Educational Resources and pedagogy that engage, connect and support student learning.
2. Make education more affordable by reducing or eliminating required costs for course materials.
3. Decrease time to degree completion by giving students the option of applying money towards an additional course rather than to books or other required course materials and by providing clear paths to degree completion.

The Numbers

653 Z-course sections in Spring 2024 with about 11,803 enrollments. Student textbooks savings estimated at more than $14 million total since Spring 2017.

What Are?

Open Educational Resources
Open – accessible (anybody can access them) and licensed for use. Free.

Z-Courses
Courses in which there are no costs for textbook materials.

Z-Degrees
Degree programs where all required courses are "Z" courses. The 5 "R's" of OER – faculty can Retain, Reuse, Revise, Remix, Redistribute materials.

Student Success

Using OER, students can:

- Meet course outcomes at the same or better rate than when the course used a publisher textbook
- Afford more courses by taking "Z" courses.
- Study using materials that better address the course outcomes (a better "fit").
- Matriculate through selected degree programs whose required courses all use OER.

Z-Degrees

Z-degrees are recommended pathways that allow you to complete all the requirements for a degree by taking Z-courses. Currently, MC offers Z-degrees in Business, Communications, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education Technology, and General Studies, and we are working to develop more Z-degrees. Students can also complete a Z-certificate for Data Science program.