

RUHS MOOC PRIMER



A '**MOOC**' is a Massive Online Open Course designed for access via the internet:

- It is a form of distance education
- Mostly free but also fee-based and certificate fees
- Many providing the opportunity for collaboration
- Ability to earn a grade, credit or certificate varies

edX: Partnership with MIT, Harvard, UC Berkeley, University of Texas, University of British Columbia, Columbia University, CalTech, ASU and more.

- 780 free courses offered
- www.edx.org

Coursera: Partnership with Stanford, University of Chicago, University System of Georgia, University of Cape Town, Nanjing University and more.

- 1500 paid and free courses offered and 140 different partners;
- www.coursera.org

Stanford Online: Distance Learning offerings from Stanford University. It includes professional education opportunities and free online courses.

- Hundreds of courses offered; in-session, self-paced and self-study options
- www.online.stanford.edu

Future Learn: Private, UK-based organization offering collaborative, stepped courses from UK and International universities and institutions.

- Hundreds of free session-based courses across over a dozen categories
- www.futurelearn.com

Udacity: Online 'Silicon Valley' university offering nanodegrees. Coursework designed by Google, AT&T, Facebook, Salesforce, Cloudera, etc.

- Fee-based nanodegree programs; online courses and projects
- www.udacity.com

Udemy: Online 'learning marketplace' offering free and fee-based courses in 80 different languages. Courses are non-academic and no certificates are available.

- Over 9 million students and 35,000 self-paced courses
- www.udemy.com

Khan Academy: Not a traditional MOOC but rather a learning resource which includes an abundance of study materials plus partner content from major players in the arts and sciences.

- Practice exercises, instructional videos and personalized dashboard
- Content for K-8 plus High School and beyond
- www.khanacademy.org

