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Building capacity

We have a range of free resources to help build capacity in online teaching and learning, supporting the learning community (especially FE colleges) in moving online with [teaching and learning](#).



Licensing

The OU has an extensive library of course designed for online distance learning. The free resources outlined above represents a small part of our total content repository. ([More information](#) about OU licensing.)



Consultancy

The OU can provide experts in open and distance education (organisation design, programme design, learning design, learning analytics, etc.). ([More information](#) about consultancy from the OU.)



Validation

The OU has extensive experience of [accrediting institutions](#) to offer programmes leading to an OU-validated award.



Build your own course

If you want to build your own free course and share it with others you can use [OpenLearn Create](#) and join us and others in making courses open. A version of OpenLearn Create is available if you want to close your course or present OU-licensed materials.



Learning design

If you want support with learning design, we have [expertise](#) and [support](#); from thinking about learning needs, your learner characteristics and to how to develop and deliver the most effective solution.



Production services

The OU offers [production services](#) to create new courses, adapt materials for online learning and curated content sites to support individual learning. We also offer editorial, graphics and interactive media development services.