



MOOC stands for '**Massive Open Online Course**'. The term originated in the US in 2008 to describe free, easily accessible, completely online courses. MOOCs give you the chance to study with top universities around the world. Almost ALL the courses are FREE but if you want to take exams or have a certificate of completion a fee is incurred.

What is a MOOC? A 4 minute video to explain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eW3gMGqcZQc>

MOOC list- a (almost) comprehensive directory with a comprehensive search facility

<https://www.mooc-list.com/>

### **The most popular search sites to find MOOCS :**

Future Learn (UK)	<a href="https://www.futurelearn.com">https://www.futurelearn.com</a>
How Future Learn works.	<a href="https://www.futurelearn.com/about/how-it-works">https://www.futurelearn.com/about/how-it-works</a>
Open Learn	<a href="https://www.open.edu/openlearn/">https://www.open.edu/openlearn/</a>
Coursera (USA)	<a href="https://www.coursera.org/courses">https://www.coursera.org/courses</a>
edX (USA)	<a href="https://www.edx.org">https://www.edx.org</a>
Class Central (USA)	<a href="https://www.class-central.com">https://www.class-central.com</a>
KHANacademy (USA)	<a href="https://www.khanacademy.org">https://www.khanacademy.org</a>

### **U3A Advice on using Moocs**

<http://u3asites.org.uk/advice-on-moocs/home>

Open Culture is a sort of worldwide compendium of online courses.

Open Culture editor Dan Colman scours the web for the best educational media. He finds the free courses and audio books you need, the language lessons & movies you want, and plenty of enlightenment in between.

<http://www.openculture.com/freeonlinecourses>

Gresham College- this London Based Institution has free Lectures that are then filmed and available on website

<http://www.gresham.ac.uk/>

The TED Talks are relatively short videos (around 18 minutes) from some of the most engaging speakers around the world. Some famous TED speakers include Bono, J. J. Abrams, Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, and Stephen Hawking.

<https://www.ted.com/talks>

Fun TED art talk – just one example

[http://www.ted.com/talks/ursus\\_wehrli\\_tidies\\_up\\_art#t-577002](http://www.ted.com/talks/ursus_wehrli_tidies_up_art#t-577002)

Royal Institution – which hosts the U3A science days and the famous Christmas Lectures

<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheRoyalInstitution>

UCL lectures - Lunch time lectures on a wide range of topics

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/lhl/streamed/>

## **You tube has excellent learning content**

There are channels you can subscribe to but also just search on google

Put in the search bar “YouTube explain magnetism “ Or “YouTube katyn murders “ etc

**Here are some of my favourites**

This one on music is presented by the brother of one of our members!

[https://www.ted.com/talks/benjamin\\_zander\\_on\\_music\\_and\\_passion](https://www.ted.com/talks/benjamin_zander_on_music_and_passion)

Minute physics – on why the solar system is ‘flat’

<https://www.youtube.com/user/minutephysics>

Latin for beginners

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jlayFpwZICQ>

Latin roots

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=enn7Nlo-S0>

YouTube Archaeology

<https://www.youtube.com/user/archaeologychannel>