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# WHAT IS A MOOC?

MOOC stands for:

## **MASSIVE**

A lot of students can enroll and participate. Some courses have thousands of students!

## **OPEN**

Courses are free of charge and based on Open Educational Resources.

## **ONLINE**

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## **COURSE**

MOOCs are composed by lessons for a step by step pathway.

## **A DEFINITION**

A MOOC is a massive open online course.

It is an online course aimed at unlimited participation and open access via the web.

In addition to traditional course materials such as filmed lectures, readings, and problem sets, many MOOCs provide interactive user forums to support community interactions among students, professors, and tutors.

MOOCs are a recent and widely researched development in distance education; they were first introduced in 2006 and emerged as a popular mode of learning in 2012.

## **MAIN FEATURES**

- A MOOC is free of charge. You can enroll and learn online for free. Some course providers ask for a fee to deliver the final certification, but it is not mandatory.
- MOOCs are flexible: they are composed by modules and units, and learners have 24:7 access to courses.
- The typical duration of a MOOC is 4-6 weeks; they require 2-6 hours of study per week.
- MOOCs are built with re-usable resources: texts, videos, documents, pictures, podcasts available in the web; in other words, Open Educational Resources.