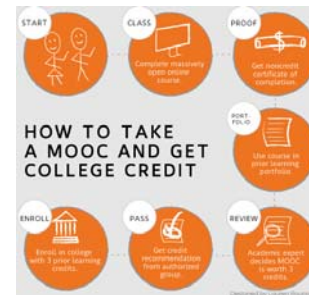


MOOC's Massive Open Online Courses

- Outgrowth of efforts such as open courseware from MIT
- 100's to 100,000's of students
- Not originally intended to award credit

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MOOC Supporters

- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- US Department of Education
- CAEL (Council on Adult & Experiential Learning)
- ACE (American Council on Education)
- Open University/British Ministry of Education
- California Legislature

Major Organizations

Providers

- Coursera – Co-founded by Stanford U Professors
- Udacity – former Stanford Director
- EdX – Harvard/MIT partnership
- Future Learn – (European) Led by former BBC manager
- Open2Study – (Australian)

Challenges and Concerns

- Uncertain oversight of assessment (i.e. What procedures ensure student is the one taking completing assignments/exams/assessments?)
- What will assessments look like? Exams, Portfolios? Grading by instructor(s)? Student Peer Grading?
- Home institutions are not accepting their own MOOC's for credit, nor accepting ACE recommendations.

Challenges and Concerns

- New third party providers are forming, what ensures quality and integrity of offerings? No established oversight or quality control exists.
- What establishes an official document? Certificates/Transcripts? Issued by: Third party, Professor(s), Institutions?
- MOOC's and integration into higher education structures remains dynamic. Difficult to remain current on MOOC information and developments.

Chronicle Timeline Page

Best single source page for detailed information and opinions

Chronicle.com/article/What-You-Need-To-Know-About/133475