Presentation: **Choosing a Creative Commons License for Your OER: Where to Begin?**
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Subject: **Creative Commons Basics**

The Creative Commons' primary web page: https://creativecommons.org/

Brief videos: Introduction, length 1:24: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dPZTh2NKTm4
Licenses explained, length 5:32: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZvJGV6YF6Y

Essential reading: Title: "Considerations for Licensors and Licensees"
Why: As OER creators and adopters, this is essential reading (a) if you are licensing your own work, and/or (b) if you are using someone else's work.
URL: https://wiki.creativecommons.org/wiki/Considerations_for_licensors_and_licensees

Creative Commons Licenses: The Four Elements the CC Uses:

Visual icon	Abbreviation	Abbreviation spelled out	Brief explanation
	BY	By…	Credit must be given to the creator
	NC	Non-Commercial	Only noncommercial uses of the work are permitted
	SA	ShareAlike	Adaptations must be shared under the same terms
	ND	NoDerivative	No derivatives or adaptations of the work are permitted

The above four elements are incorporated into the seven Creative Commons' licenses. They are:

- Public Domain Dedication   Designation: CC 0 [zero]
- Attribution only   Designation: CC BY
- Attribution-ShareAlike   Designation: CC BY-SA
- Attribution-NoDerivatives   Designation: CC BY-NA
- Attribution-NonCommercial   Designation: CC BY-NC
- Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike   Designation: CC BY-NC-SA
- Attribution-NonCommercial- NoDerivatives   Designation: CC BY-NC-ND

Chart comparing the compatibility of the different CC licenses:

	PUBLIC DOMAIN (PDM)	PUBLIC DOMAIN (CC0)	CC BY	CC BY-SA	CC BY-NC	CC BY-ND	CC BY-NC-SA	CC BY-NC-ND
PUBLIC DOMAIN (PDM)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
PUBLIC DOMAIN (CC0)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
CC BY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
CC BY-SA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
CC BY-NC	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
CC BY-ND	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
CC BY-NC-SA	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
CC BY-NC-ND	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

Instructions:

1. Choose two works you wish to combine or remix.
2. Find the license of the first work on the first row and the license on the first column.
3. You can combine the works if there is a check mark in the cell where the row and column intersect.
4. Use at least the most restrictive licensing of the two (use the license most to right or down state) for the new work.
5. If there a cross at the intersection of the row and column then you cannot just these works.
6. This probably indicates that one of the two licenses may not be used for commercial purposes, or one of the licenses does not allow for derivative works to be created.

Chart source: https://wiki.creativecommons.org/wiki/File:CC_License_Compatibility_Chart.png

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