**Harvard on the Couch: Free Online Learning With MOOCs**

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**Top MOOC platforms**

Coursera.org

* At 1,500-plus courses by far the largest platform
* University partners: Northwestern, Stanford, Princeton, more
* Credentialed courses called Specializations

edX.org

* University partners: Harvard, M.I.T., more
* Credentialed courses called Xseries
* Nonprofit, exploring ways for students to earn credit with MOOCs

Udacity.com

* Partners with corporations such as Google and AT&T
* Credentialed courses called Nanodegrees

**Other popular MOOC platforms**

* Canvas.net
* FutureLearn.com
* NovoEd.com
* OpenLearning.com

**MOOC-*ish* options**

Lynda.com Online Learning Library

* Computer, tech, and business tutorials available through skokielibrary.info

KhanAcademy.org

* Free YouTube video lessons focused on K-12 basics

**Where to get information on MOOCs and other online learning opportunities**

* Class-central.com (best source for finding classes from all providers)
* MOOC-List.com
* OpenCulture.com

**Questions?**

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**Top-rated Courses of 2015 (according to Class-Central reviewers)**

1. A Life of Happiness and Fulfillment (Indian School of Business & Coursera)
2. Introduction to Programming with MATLAB (Vanderbilt University & Coursera)
3. The Great Poems Series: Unbinding Prometheus (OpenLearning)
4. Marketing in a Digital World (UIUC & Coursera)
5. Fractals and Scaling (Santa Fe Institute & Complexity Explorer)
6. What is a Mind? (University of Cape Town & FutureLearn)
7. Algorithms for DNA Sequencing (Johns Hopkins University & Coursera)
8. Mindfulness for Wellbeing and Peak Performance (Monash University & FutureLearn)
9. Programming for Everybody: Getting Started with Python (University of Michigan & Coursera)
10. CS100.1x: Introduction to Big Data with Apache Spark (UC Berkeley & edX)

**Course Distribution by Subject 2015 (according to Class-Central)**

