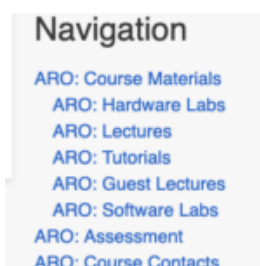# Drupal — Course Structures

Introduction

When creating a course in OpenCourseWare (powered by Drupal) for the first time, the ILTS team can provide a starting course template in Drupal either based 1) on the course structure and content from Learn; OR 2) as a blank template with an agreed structure.

In this post, we would like to focus on the options available for a blank template structure within Drupal. We will use courses, already available within OpenCourseWare, as examples of the types of course structure you can choose from. The following is not an exhaustive list of all courses within OpenCourseWare, but a small sampling of courses within our chosen structures. The [home page of Open Course](#) has a list of all courses for you to browse, if preferred.

Course Structures

A) Structured by <u>activity</u> (e.g. lectures, tutorials, readings, etc.):

- [ARO](#) and [EPL](#)

ARO
Navigation
Menu,   in
Drupal
(public view)

B) Structured by <u>week</u> (e.g. week 1, week 2, week 3, etc):

- [CDI1](#); [IRR](#); and [SDM](#)

CDI1 Navigation Menu, in Drupal (public view)

C) Structured by <u>schedule</u> (e.g. a schedule table with links to slides, video, handouts, etc):

- [CT](#); [EXC](#); and [IQC](#)

CT Schedule in Drupal

D) Courses with a <u>mixed structure</u> (e.g. by schedule, activities and weeks):

- [ANLP](#); [CGGS](#); [IQPS](#) (aka QPS-11); and [USEC](#)

USEC Course Structure –
Weekly View

USEC Course Structure –
Lecture View

Further Information

When creating the course in Drupal, ILTS will provide support and guidance for you to choose a suitable structure for your

course. This agreed structure will then make it easier for you to build your content and populate your course in time for Welcome Week.

If you'd like to discuss the options and contact ILTS then please visit the [support page](). We look forward to working with you.

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For course materials published on Drupal, the Course Organiser must ensure that all material posted on their course pages is copyright compliant.

Take a few minutes to read through this fantastic (and brief) summary from the University's Open Educational Resources team about [Copyright in Teaching]() and the three sub-pages detailing more about using [book journals and texts](), [videos, broadcasts and sounds](), and [images](). (If you need some background, check out [What Is Copyright?]()) The University's Open Educational Resources team run workshops on these topics, which you may be interested in attending; you can find more information about them [here]().

Readings

You should use the Library's Resource List service for any essential / suggested readings. If you do not currently use

this service, please familiarise yourself with it at your earliest convenience. It offers a lot of flexibility in terms of structure and layout to suit your course design. More information can be found on [our blog post about Resource Lists](#).

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Below are a couple places you might be able to source materials to use in your teaching:

- Are there any TV or radio programmes you want to share with your students? Check out [Box of Broadcasts](#), which provides recordings you can share with your students (and unlike, say, BBC iPlayer videos, these won't get deleted after a set time period!). This is service that the UoE subscribes to and which all students and staff can access.
- The University's [Image Databases](#) list is a great place to find other useful resources, some of which you will have access to only through your UoE account and others, such as Pixabay, Unsplash, and Creative Commons, anyone in the world can access.

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