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**Minnesota Learning Commons is pleased to announce free access to top notch online courses for K-12 teachers and students**

The Minnesota Learning Commons (MnLC) is pleased to announce that all K-12 teachers and students now have free access to the National Repository of Online Courses (NROC ) library of top notch online courses. These courses or modules utilize a wide array of digital media options such as interactive simulations, flash objects and iPod downloads to give students easily accessible pathways into dozens of subjects, ranging from physics to U.S. history. This multimedia platform brings online learning to a new level and gives educators flexibility in using all or part of the materials as teaching tools. Plus, each course is designed to align with popular textbooks and state standards. This material is available through the MnLC HippoCampus at: [www.mnlearningcommons.org](http://www.mnlearningcommons.org).

The HippoCampus features include:

- State Standards Correlations – NROC content correlated to state standards and visible through our statewide license.
- Course Content – directly browse the contents of a course including readings, assignments and assessment.
- Text Search – for multimedia course content using standard text search.
- Instructor Customization – instructors can create their own HippoCampus site with custom subject and textbook lists, bookmarks and announcements.

The main uses of NROC materials are for fully online Advanced Placements courses, integration into High School Assessment preparation courses, cost-effective online content resource to support course development efforts for face-to-face and blended learning environments, and to support professional development efforts related to teaching with technology.

For more information, call 1.877.881.6652 or [Web chat](#) with the Online Support Center Advisors seven days a week.

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