

How to Search iTunes U

Goal: Practice effective search methods and download useful content from iTunes U

First, make sure you have iTunes.

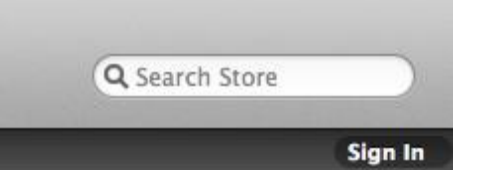
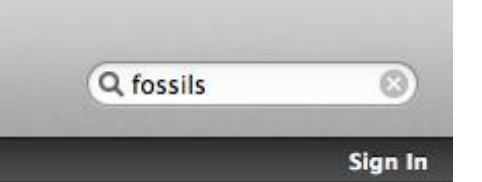


If you don't have iTunes, download it here: <http://www.apple.com/itunes/download/>
 For your iPad, download the iTunes U app: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/itunes-u/id490217893?ls=1&mt=8>

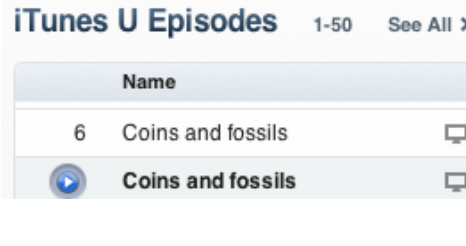
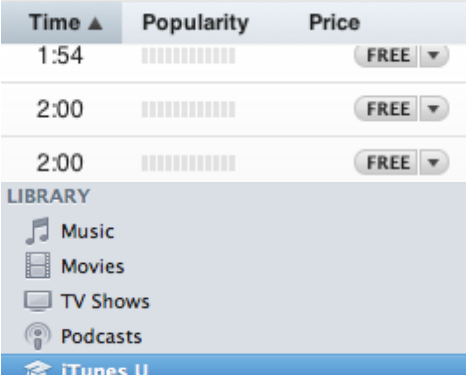
Browse iTunes U.

Launch iTunes U using the iTunes U app on your iPad. Or, using iTunes software on your computer, open iTunes and click **iTunes U** in the black toolbar across the top.

Browse new collections and courses, scroll through the What's Hot section and the content categories. Your objective here is to get a sense of the expansive library that is iTunes U.

Search Method 1: Use the powerful iTunes search tool.

<p>Find the field in top right of iTunes that says Search Store.</p>	
<p>Enter keywords for a topic you want to explore. Let's try fossils, just to get started.</p>	
<p>If other sections of the iTunes store are disabled, you will only see iTunes U results. If not, you may see results for apps, books, music, etc. listed first. If you are using the iTunes U app on an iOS device, you will see lists of iTunes U episodes, collections, and courses.</p>	
<p>BROWSE YOUR RESULTS Scroll to iTunes U results. Choose See All to see all iTunes U collections that match your search.</p> <p>SORT EPISODES <i>(not available using iTunes U app)</i> You can also explore the results using the iTunes U Episodes fields. Try sorting by Time and find material with the shortest listed times.</p> <p>PREVIEW CONTENT Hover over the number to the left of one, click the play</p>	

<p>button, and wait for the preview to begin.</p>	
<p>DOWNLOAD TO YOUR ITUNES LIBRARY Click FREE to the right of the track to begin downloading it to your iTunes library.</p> <p>LOCATE WHAT YOU'VE DOWNLOADED Items downloaded from iTunes U will appear in the iTunes U section of your iTunes library or on your bookshelf if using the iTunes U app. Test it out to see if your fossils item downloaded.</p>	

How to find content most suited to K-12 audiences?

Search Tip:

Pay attention to the PROVIDER of the content, read the DESCRIPTION to get an idea of the purpose and audience, and note the TIME of each audio or video piece.



Practice: Explore the results of your fossils search and try to find content that might be useful for K-12 classes. Download it.



Reflection: What did you notice about the iTunes U content in your search results? How did you go about finding something you could use?

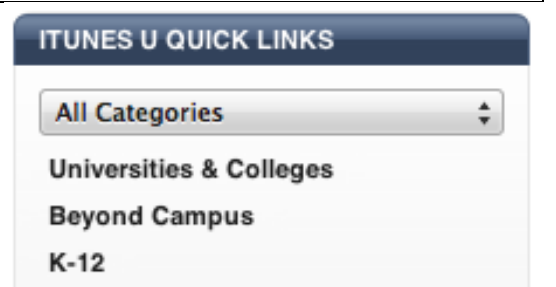
Search Method 2: Explore Specific iTunes U Sites with Quick Links

From the iTunes store, Click **iTunes U** in the top black bar to get back to the iTunes U main page.



Try the **K-12** link to find state providers like Arkansas, Florida, Michigan, and Maine, all of whom have rich libraries.

The **Beyond Campus** section includes Ohio (a large library, listed by grade level and subject area), plus museums and cultural institutions.



Practice: Explore Arkansas, Michigan, and Ohio on iTunes U. Within these, use Categories to search for content in your field (e.g., science, literature, or teaching). Download something you like.

Reflection: What did you notice about the content you found?

How might you use it?

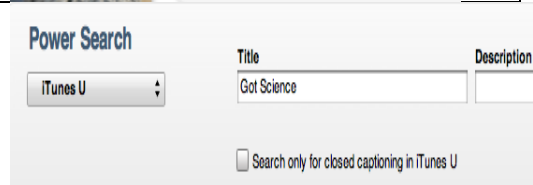
Search Method 3: Use iTunes Power Search for specific podcasts.

(Not available in the iTunes U app)

Click **iTunes U Power Search**.



If you know the title or other information, just enter it into search fields. Try it by entering information provided in the sample content list attached.



Sample Courses

Note: To access all materials and assignments in an iOS course, you will need to download it to an iOS device (iPad, iPod, iPhone).

Provider Institution	Course	Notes:
Common Sense Media	Private, Today, Public Tomorrow	Digital Citizenship
Academy of Achievement	The Road to Civil Rights	
Bellmore-Merrick Central HS	English 9R	
The Open University	Moons: An Introduction	

Sample Language and Social Studies Content

Provider Institution	Collection Title	Sample Track	Notes
Arkansas	English and an iPod Touch	Quotations	
University of Warwick	Writing Challenges	Shakespeare's Field Trip	Audio
Ohio	Joel's Library Jam	Big Old Truck	Elementary
University of South Florida	Wuthering Heights		Audio versions of most any classic text!
Arkansas	Student Perspectives on History	A Soldier in Skirts	Student-created
Shiloh Museum	In Peace and War	In Dreadful Conflict	Arkansas history
Arkansas	Spanish in 180 Seconds	Intro to Spanish Tenses	
Virginia	3 Countries You Ought to Know About		

Sample Math and Science Content

Provider Institution	Collection Title	Sample Track	Notes
Ohio	LSI: Life Science Investigations		
Ohio	You at the Zoo	Variety is Valuable: To be a Bird	K-4 Life Science
Virginia	The Forest Files	Soil Cycle	
Ohio	Virtual Math Girl	Working with Common Denominators	

Using iTunes U in the Classroom: Guided Practice

Michigan	Physics – Steve Dickie	Half Projectile; Superman Jump; Inertia	
Ohio	Spaced Out!	Stars and Galaxies and the Universe – oh My!	
Arkansas	Simple Machines	Lovely Lifting Levers	
Khan Academy	Calculus		
NJ Perth Amboy	Geometry Class Projects	Spaghetti Bridge Bldg	

Sample Student-Created Content

Institution	Collection Title	Sample Track	Notes
Michigan	History 8	Civil War-Student 2	
Maine	Maine Digital Storytelling	Morgan's Story	
Michigan	Solar System	Galaxies	
Arkansas	Student Perspectives on History	A Soldier in Skirts	
Arkansas	EAST Video Showcase	History in Our Front Yard	
Florida	Student Vocabulary Development	States of Matter	
Arkansas	Savvy Science	Virus	
Alabama	English Resources	How to Write a Haiku	

Selected CTE Content

Institution	Collection Title	Track Title	Notes
New Jersey	Architecture and Construction Career Options	Civil Engineers	They have a collection of videos for each of the 16 career clusters. This is one.
Think TV (Ohio)	Stem Cluster	Advanced Manufacturing and Materials	
Michigan	America's Marketing High School		
Minnesota	Public Health Moment	Parenting Style	