

## FREE UNIVERSITY EDUCATION!

*Is technology making higher education free for all?*

New technology allows for online access to material that might otherwise be inaccessible. University tuition is continually increasing and with the current global economy, the price of higher education can be a daunting and financially improbable goal.

Video lectures abound on You Tube teaching everything from ballroom dance to trigonometry.

An article in *The Boston Globe* looks at some of the better sites that boast online video lectures.

There are hundreds of classic books—a necessity to any English degree—available online. The greatest collection of online classics is probably *The Gutenberg Project*.

But best of all, Universities offer open courses complete with a syllabus and a final exam to students of all ages... FOR FREE! No registration, or tuition required! That removes one of the biggest barriers to education—the cost. However, there is a catch. There always is. There is no course credit given, so these courses do not contribute towards a diploma.

The benefit is solely personal education and development. This raises question regarding the necessity of diplomas. If you know the material, do you still need a diploma?

What do you think? We'd love to hear your thoughts.