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Rosie McLaughlin & Richard Davis

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A look at massive open online courses (MOOCs) and what makes them so popular all over the world. From professional development courses (such as applied linguistics) to general interest courses like science fiction literature to specialized areas of study like forensic psychology and beyond, we'll look at how massive online courses work and why so many people enjoy them.

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