

Survey Results Summary

The attached survey was administered to students in the eight classes participating in the 2021-2022 S.T.A.T. grant. The primary purpose of this TBR Open Educational Resources (OER) Grant Project is to increase equity in access to quality, no/low-cost educational materials. Students in these courses did not have to purchase any required course materials, saving over \$160,000 during Spring 2022. Please see the OER Grant website for more information: <https://www.tntech.edu/library/textbooks/oer-grant.php>.

This survey aimed to gather data on the students completing the survey and feedback about their use of the free course materials. Although we refer to the free course materials as OERs, faculty could use a combination of free resources, OERs, and library materials as long as the cost to the students was \$0.

Here are some highlights from the survey:

- Over 97% of respondents found the OERs to be about the same or better than traditional textbooks.
- Only 2% were unsatisfied with the OERs
- 89% are likely or very likely to enroll in a future course using OERs; only 2% would specifically choose a class with traditional textbooks instead of free OER/materials
- The students expressed much appreciation for no-cost course materials in the open-ended comments.

The results of the grant and survey indicate students value the OERs and would appreciate more classes that use them. Ideally, courses with a \$0 textbook cost would be labeled in Banner so students can identify them at registration time.

OER Grant Student Survey - Spring 2022

The students completing this survey were enrolled in a grant-related course that used OERs and other no-cost required course materials instead of a traditional textbook. The response was 302 students out of a possible 981 (31% response rate). Please see Tennessee Tech's website for more information about the grant: <https://www.tntech.edu/library/textbooks/oer-grant.php>.

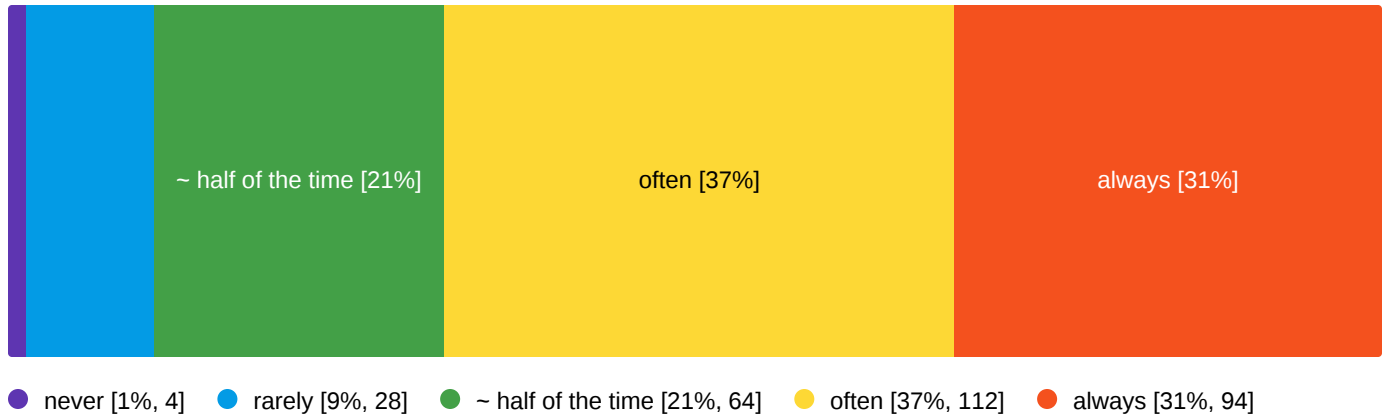
Select your class:

Response	Choice Count	
Freshman	42.72%	129
Sophomore	36.42%	110
Junior	14.90%	45
Senior	5.96%	18
Total		302

What is your overall GPA (Grade Point Average) at Tech?

Response	Choice Count	
This is my first semester	5.63%	17
0.0-0.9	0.66%	2
1.0-1.9	3.97%	12
2.0-2.9	17.55%	53
3.0-4.0	72.19%	218
Total		302

In general, how often do you purchase the required textbooks for your Tech classes?



Responses by overall GPA at Tech

Response	0.0-0.9	1.0-1.9	2.0-2.9	3.0-4.0	First semester	Total
I have never purchased a required	0	0	1	3	0	4
textbook rarely	2	0	6	19	1	28
about half of the time	0	5	10	42	7	64
often	0	5	19	83	5	112
always	0	2	17	71	4	94

Please select your Spring 2022 course from the list below:

Field	Choice Count
Camuti: BMGT 3510 Organizational Behavior and Management	21
Alley: ECON 2010 Principles of Microeconomics	40
Upole: HEC 3011 Consumer Economics	13
Smith: MATH 1530 Elementary Statistics	26
Paruchuri: MET 1100 Introduction to Manufacturing Engineering	22
Technology Donadio: NURS 2300 Introduction to Professional Nursing	33
Hensley: PSY 1030 Introduction to Psychology	111
Wingo: RELS 2010 Introduction to Religious Studies	36
Total	302

Approximately how often did you use the required textbooks/materials for this course during the semester?

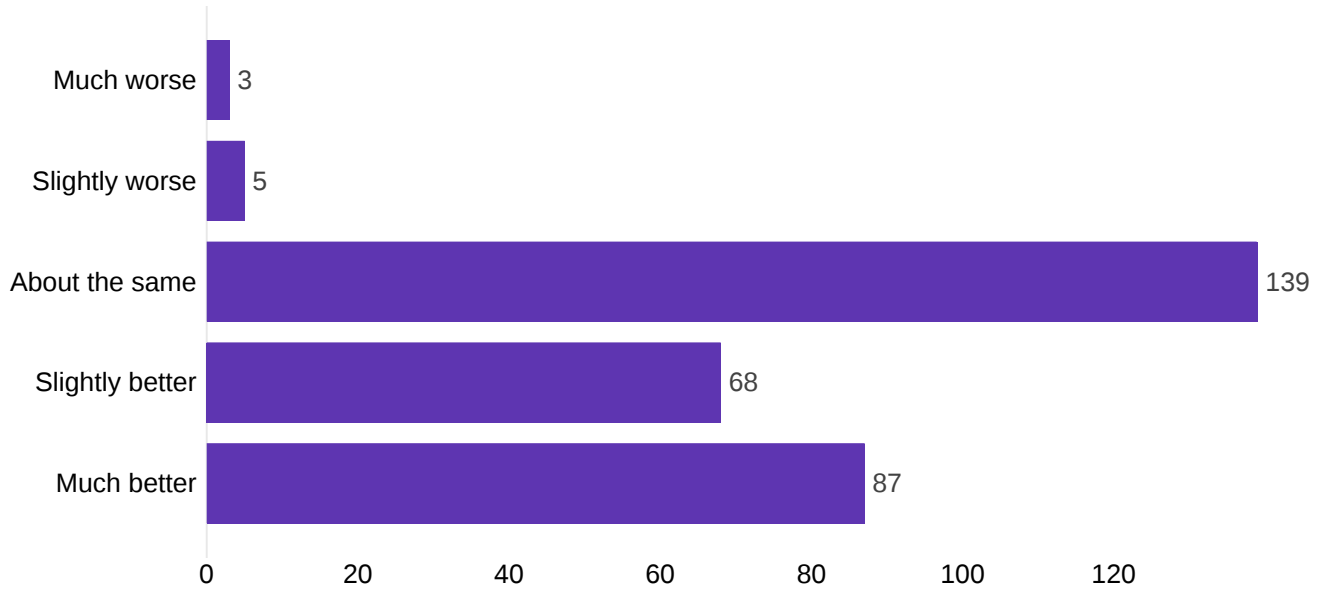


● Never [21%, 62]
 ● 2-3 times [17%, 52]
 ● 2-3 times a month [27%, 83]
 ● 2-3 times a week [32%, 97]
 ● Daily [3%, 8]

Responses by course

Response	BMGT 3510	ECON 2010	HEC 3011	MATH 1530	MET 1100	NURS 2300	PSY 1030	RELS 2010	Total
Never	1	9	2	1	2	17	26	4	62
2-3 times a semester	0	14	1	0	1	4	25	7	52
2-3 times a month	9	9	2	7	13	5	32	6	83
2-3 times a week	10	8	8	17	5	5	26	18	97
Daily	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	8

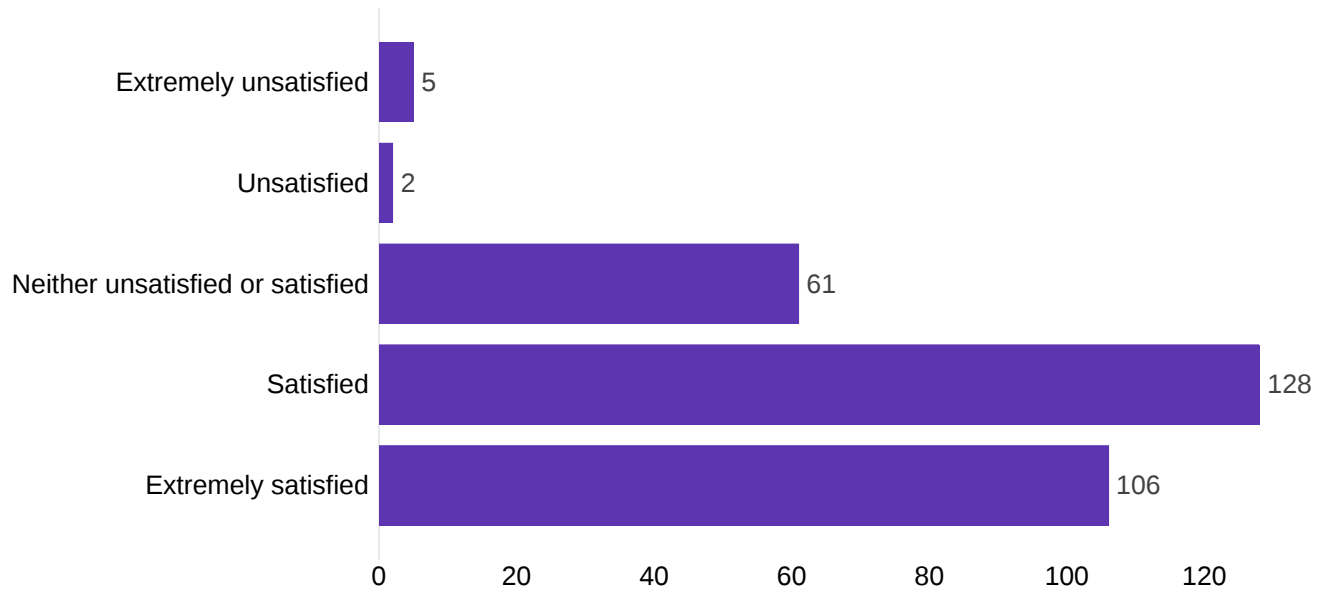
How would you compare the quality of the required textbooks/
materials used in this course to your other courses?



Responses by course

Response	BMGT 3510	ECON 2010	HEC 3011	MATH 1530	MET 1100	NURS 2300	PSY 1030	RELS 2010	Total
Much worse	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
Slightly worse	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	5
About the same	3	25	7	9	7	22	54	12	139
Slightly better	10	9	1	8	5	2	25	8	68
Much better	7	6	5	9	10	8	27	15	87

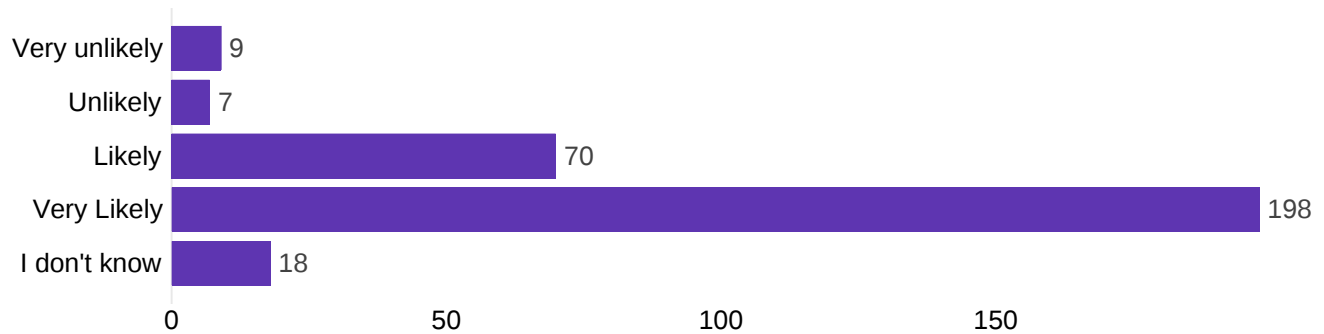
Overall, how satisfied are you with the required textbooks/materials used in this course?



Responses by course

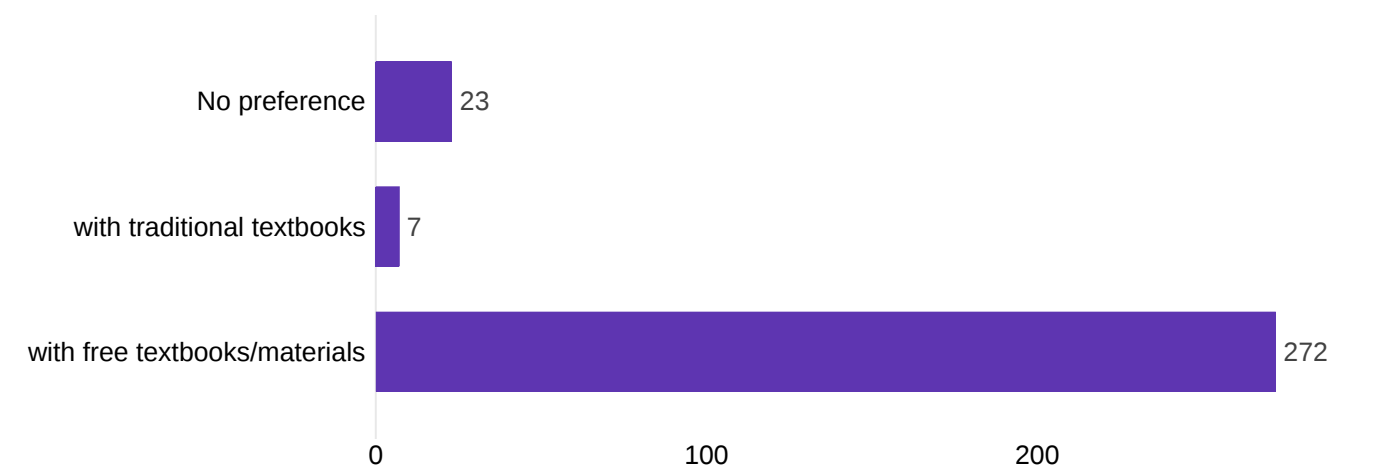
Response	BMGT 3510	ECON 2010	HEC 3011	MATH 1530	MET 1100	NURS 2300	PSY 1030	RELS 2010	Total
Extremely unsatisfied	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	5
Unsatisfied	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Neither unsatisfied or satisfied	1	10	0	1	1	11	29	8	61
Satisfied	8	12	8	16	10	13	48	13	128
Extremely satisfied	11	18	5	9	11	8	30	14	106

How likely are you to enroll in a future course that uses free required textbooks/materials like those used in this course?



Response	Choice Count	
Very unlikely	2.98%	9
Unlikely	2.32%	7
Likely	23.18%	70
Very Likely	65.56%	198
I don't know	5.96%	18
Total		302

Imagine a future course you are required to take has two sections with the same instructor during equally desirable time slots. If one section required traditional textbooks and one required free textbooks/materials like those used in this course, which section would you prefer?



Response	Choice Count	
No preference	7.62%	23
The section with traditional textbooks	2.32%	7
The section with free textbooks/	90.07%	272
materials Total		302

Overall, what is your opinion of the required textbooks/materials used in this course?

Note: this was a required question on the survey, so students had to type something in order to complete the survey.

1. Was no required textbooks/readings
2. I enjoyed being able to save money by not having to purchase a textbook. Having all the materials online and provide through the course was a big relief for me.
3. I enjoyed them
4. N/A
5. N/A
6. I think that the option to download the PDFs and use them as a text is great. It's also nice to be able to Control+F what exactly you are looking for if the resources are long.
7. I think free textbooks alleviates a lot of stress placed on students regarding classes. It allows the students to focus more on the material and less on the cost.
8. I think the OER's are just as useful as a real textbook you might buy for another class.
9. They provide equal or easier to understand material and do a good job of making the material easily accessible.
10. I favored not having to purchase a textbook that I was only going to use for one semester.
11. Since there aren't any, it made the stress of the class a lot less because I wasn't having to worry about finances.
12. Good
13. great
14. [Professor] definitely wants what is best for his students. He is all about leaving college with the least amount of debt possible. His OER's work wonders. They grasp some of the major and basic knowledge of various topics, and give you an overview of them all. I like this way better considering most teachers make you buy all these textbooks and then we hardly ever use them. I believe books are a big waste of money most of the time.
15. Good
16. If the course has the resources to provide the materials online for free instead of purchasing a book, you are going to make the students quality of learning so much better. I'm sure there are plenty of students who don't go out of their way to buy books for online classes.
17. I believe that it makes the class more affordable and less stressful.
18. Very accessible and easy

19. The different varieties of free online material that [Professor] provides his students with are all wonderful and interesting to read.
20. I think it is very helpful to me. I spend hundreds of dollars every semester buying books that sometimes are not even used. I really appreciate getting the opportunity to use a textbook that is free.
21. The OER used by [Professor] are informative and suiting for the class. They also save money which is great.
22. They were easy to get data from and well written.
23. It is nice how they are free.
24. They was good
25. Very nice and convenient
26. I don't have any opinions
27. I purchased the book before I was told we had free access but even then \$5 is much better than having to pay \$250 for a book I never even use.
28. 10/10
29. It is useful.
30. I felt the textbook was helpful and followed the lectures very closely.
31. I'm graduating I don't really care
32. I liked the book/materials. They were simple to use and easily accessible
33. ITs ususless
34. It is pretty good but we have a lot of things to study
35. I feel that the free textbooks are of equal quality to the ones that I had to pay for this semester.
36. I wished I knew about the free textbook earlier. I purchased the required textbook form the university bookstore. It would have saved me time and money if I had known about the free textbook option. I think it is a better option to prerequisite courses where I am paying for books for almost every course each semester by freshman year.
37. Very informative and helps me understand the material
38. I think they are pretty useful and very accessible
39. I like them. I don't use it a whole lot but it's definitely nice to have.
40. Mmm/a
41. I appreciated the fact that it was free and I could still use it whenever I needed to. A lot of times professors tell you to buy textbooks and you'll only open it a couple times, if you open it at all. With this book, I can access it whenever and however many times I need to, and it didn't hurt my wallet.
42. Good
43. We don't use it. I don't even know how to access it.

44. I appreciate that I did not have to purchase a textbook for this course. I did not always read every chapter that was assigned to us, but the ones that I did were easy to comprehend and remained on topic to what we were learning in the class. I am thankful for a free textbook that portrayed the necessary information to me.
45. Not much to complain about. I have noticed quite a few spelling errors but nothing I couldn't figure out on my own.
46. good
47. It's good.
48. Don't really use the textbook.
49. If it's free it's better than everything
50. its good
51. The free textbook is great, but I wish it was communicated better, as I had already bought the book that was listed as required.
52. They are much more concise than most textbooks, and cut away unnecessary fat but still provide an excellent description of the subject being taught.
53. It was nice to have to be able to look up things in a deeper context or if I missed something.
54. Good
55. I didn't use it. Just the PowerPoint.
56. It helps with the test material that I need know for each section.
57. It's great because it's free
58. I haven't used it much but when needed it has been a vital tool and resource in study.
59. I mean, it's free. Can't go wrong with that.
60. Most of the test questions are in the PowerPoints. While a free textbook is always appreciated, it was not needed to pass this class.
61. From the slides it seems good.
62. I did not use the textbook very much as most of the information I learned came from the lectures.
63. I am a little old fashioned and like have actual textbooks but I also like that the online is cheaper or free
64. I'm pretty indifferent when it comes to my opinion on this textbook.
65. The format of the textbook was easy to navigate and the chapter summaries are useful.
66. i like it
67. im glad the book was free if I ever did decide to use it
68. Tthough I did not use the book much, when I did use it, it provided me with the clarity I needed.
69. The textbook is good and it being free helps people that don't have the money for it

70. I don't see anything special about this textbook other than it's free.
71. it is very detailed and i feel like i can read and comprehend it.
72. It seemed just fine.
73. N/A
74. N/A
75. I liked it. Especially liked that it was free because there are so many expenses in college.
76. I believe that the textbooks for this class have been made more accessible to students due to them being free.
77. It's long-winded but useful for the class
78. it was nice that the required texts were free.
79. Very detailed, I was pleasantly surprised at the quality of the textbook, given that I had paid very little for it.
80. .
81. It is really a good idea to provide free textbooks to students. It helps students a lot.
82. Free is always good
83. It's nice not having to buy the book.
84. Really great choice
85. They are very helpful with the required course work, it being on my laptop makes it much easier to search for the exact material I need.
86. B
87. I didnt use it
88. I think it is a good book and very informational. it was also free to use so that made it better because books are extremely expensive.
89. It was nice not having to pay for a textbook, however, I prefer having a physical book over an online textbook.
90. It's fine, there is a lot of useful information that I need for the exams.
91. I never used it.
92. It's fine.
93. no comment
94. N/a
95. I think it is a very useful and detailed book. I like that it's online since it's always there and that it is easy to navigate.
96. I think it is a plus.
97. I like how informative the book is. It has review questions towards the end of each chapter which helps me learn the overall summary of the chapters read. I also like that it has all the vocabulary with definitions making it easier to find. I have learned well with this book.

98. I don't use it.
99. Quite the lifesaver, I'm pinching pennies
100. I enjoyed not having to buy a required textbook.
101. Loved the free textbook.
102. happy it was free and very useful
103. Good
104. I am satisfied with the materials because they are free.
105. I love the free textbooks! Broke college kids love free stuff.
106. I thought that they were of equal quality to materials that I had to pay for in other classes
107. Fine
108. I liked it, most likely would not have gotten the book if it wasn't free
109. Very informative
110. Overall, the free online textbook worked well alongside the lecture content.
111. It gives the same information that paid textbooks give while being much more financially viable.
112. I thought it was very useful!
113. I like the textbook for [class]. I like that it is free, online, so that I can easily find the information I am needing to study.
114. It's helpful.
115. I am very thankful for the use of the free textbook. It's been very helpful in class and the material is spot on for what we take exams over.
116. I wish they were more concise (smaller) and organized.
117. Honestly I haven't had to use my textbook, but I do like how I can get it for free this semester and I know a lot of people have used the textbook.
118. I like that they are free
119. We don't have required material in this course, but in other courses, I either use them every class or never.
120. Everything being online is confusing and hard to sort through. However, I am grateful for the free access.
121. It's nice to save a little bit of money, but without a structured/directed itinerary to use with the materials it's a bit confusing. Apart from being handed the materials without an order to study them about, it's a nice course which is fairly simple.
122. I loved having this for free and it gave me a better understanding of the subject itself.
123. I was glad it was free.
124. The materials are very informative and go with the course very well. We have been using them in most to all of our assignments.

125. I wish it was more structured on the material. The medical terminology doesn't save your place and gives no feedback on how well you are doing. It does not hold you accountable for the materials.
126. Very easy to access and manage
127. It is very helpful that the textbooks were free. College is expensive enough, and text books add at least another \$400 per semester.
128. I didn't use any textbook materials for that class, but it's very helpful when wanting to understand something more in depth with a less costing way of doing so.
129. I love the OER's it was one of the main reasons i decided to take this class with [Professor], it saved me so much money. Some of the PowerPoints' information was overlapped and hard to read, but these are slight technical issues easily overlooked because this is a learning curve. Overall, it went extremely well.
130. Im glad its free
131. I think having the open resources is a fantastic way to better encourage students to use them outside of class as it opens up the option for people who otherwise would not have gotten the textbook for different (financial or personal) reasons.
132. I liked how we didn't have to purchase a textbook: it was online for free.
133. They were easy to understand and she supplied them without requiring payment! I loved her class and the way it was presented!
134. Great solid material. Just a lot of information.
135. I think it was enjoyable
136. It helps so much to not have to buy textbooks
137. I really liked how we didn't have to purchase a book or materials for this class
138. It was nice to not have to buy another textbook for class.
139. I think having free options for students is definitely a good thing, especially when there are reliable, credible, and academic sources that can be used for classes!
140. I think having a paid required textbook in this class would be a complete waste of money. This class is more discussion-based lead and having the free textbook was a great addition to the class. We only heavily used the book for the first 2-3 weeks and then we read articles and talk. I think if I had to pay for a textbook that I would never use would have made me so mad.
141. I think that it works just as well as a textbook not online.
142. Adequate
143. Professor was very courteous when concerning the textbook. Very generous of her to provide it. It's hard enough to make ends meet in college and most books are outrageously expensive. Especially the ones where the professor says they are required, and we only end up using them twice in the semester.
144. I found the wording of the text difficult to understand at times, but it was nice not to have to pay for it. However, depending on the price, I would rather use a text that is easier to read that is paid for than a free text that is more difficult to understand.

145. I really liked that they were free. I felt that financial burden lifted and I was more likely to work on the assignments throughout the semester without the stress that buying the textbook would bring. I was able to actually pay attention to the content of the required texts rather than "get my money's worth" and overdo the unnecessary information.
146. I like that its free but still has good information
147. Really great
148. No required textbooks
149. I'm very glad that a free PDF version of the textbook was provided. There is a sense of relief in being given a free textbook that I can use for classes and study, unlike other classes that demands you buy a physical or digital textbook two weeks after the first day of class.
150. They are very helpful in this course.
151. I loved how the teacher provided the textbook instead of having to buy 100\$ text book on top of other school fees
152. They make life more affordable.
153. Firrrrrreee
154. They are good.
155. I thought I was good and relevant to content taught
156. I have no opinion on this topic
157. .
158. Using OER's and powerpoint were so beneficial and efficient. I appreciated not having to buy an expensive textbook.
159. It's just as helpful as any other textbook ,but better because it is free.
160. It's good. Saves money and time.
161. I usually don't purchase textbooks in other classes because its not necessary, but in this class you really needed it to study the material and learn what you are going to talk about. So I was happy to be given the material.
162. I like the online book a lot. It keeps me from having a heavy textbook and its free, which really helps!
163. It was very accessible.
164. They were all free, so I loved them.
165. It was of the same quality as textbooks for my others classes, and in some cases better.
166. The content provided is very easy to navigate and goes along with our course.
167. I really appreciated and enjoyed the materials used in this course because not only were they free, but they had interesting topics and it was easy to read and understand.
168. I think it's good.
169. I think all textbooks should be free. This free one has taught me just as much as a \$300 one would have.

170. I do not have an opinion
171. in like being able not to buy textbooks
172. The book was fine for this course. It was especially nice that we did not have to pay for the book.
173. no opinion
174. Satisfied
175. Very convenient that it is digital and free, don't have to spend more money or lug around one more textbook. 10/10
176. Not a problem
177. N/A
178. I like it. very convenient that it is online.
179. I thoroughly enjoy using our free, online textbook because it offers us practice problems and also example problems much like a regular textbook would. This is a very good quality textbook, and I love it even more because it was a free pdf to download!
180. I thought they were just as good as any books I have paid for.
181. The required textbook in this class is free, which is stupendous considering the lack of money I have. College has become more expensive as decades go on and America's economy is STILL declining. So any course that doesn't require me to spend more money is great.
182. I really liked that the textbook was an online PDF file and that it was free. I am much more likely to open up a textbook tab on my computer than to actually open up a physical textbook.
183. They are great. It helps students get their work done in a timely manner.
184. It wasn't bad
185. I enjoyed the textbook. It had some difficulties in working the program but it is just as user friendly as other textbooks
186. Liked the convenience of having it online, no weight and easy to access.
187. I like the current textbook we are using for class and is nice to not have to pay for it.
188. I enjoy not having to worry about purchasing an expensive textbook
189. I think the required textbook in [Professor: class] is pretty good, and the best thing is that its for free so students does not have to spend any money.
190. Openstax is much more user friendly, and has good content.
191. I like that we were able to use this type of textbook. It was nice to not have to purchase another book or fee. Also, being online makes it easier to search for key terms or sections.
192. It's a good book with all the equations, key terms, and concepts needed to understand the [class]. It helps with better understanding, and a good way to study after class.
193. I really like the easy access and the command f feature it allows for

194. I loved the online textbook. It was more convenient than carrying a heavy textbook anywhere that I might need/want it, helped ease the cost of books, and was much easier to find information in it. I think it should be utilized much more.
195. The information provided by the textbook was high quality and valuable, and I truly appreciated that it was free!
196. It really helped me succeed in the course
197. I think this is a great program and I love the textbook!
198. I didnt use it at all so i have no opinion.
199. If the textbook is given as a free online copy, then it is great. The hassle of having to buy textbooks for every class can get overwhelming and expensive
200. I have only used it once for a project so I'd say it's a good amount
201. Well there wasn't anything "required" he posted OER for the students to read for projects and it makes this class not as complicated as some other with textbooks or extra reading materials required
202. I appreciated not having to buy a book and the quality of the books supplied were very nice
203. I thought it was convenient and did it's job of giving information about the material.
204. I believe it is very useful and easy to access.
205. The materials provided were much simpler to read and understand due to their condensed format.
206. Very informative
207. I loved how the texts where online and the students did not have to purchase/rent! Overall, the content was easy to navigate.
208. I really liked having a free pdf to download. It still had great content, and I did not have to use any extra money.
209. Very Good
210. They are very effective. Much better than expensive textbooks
211. Very Good
212. My opinion of the required textbooks/materials used in [Professor: class] is that the materials are helpful to me and to the other students that I asked.
213. its great
214. I enjoy the required textbooks/materials. There are many things I learned that I did not know before taking the class.
215. I like how we get specific articles each week that pertain to the subject rather than having to sift through irrelevant information that may be in a textbook.
216. Hated it
217. Its a fantastic opportunity. College is really expensive as is. Textbooks are an added cost that isn't always included in financial aid and that can be a burden. Some people have to take out

loans just to pay for books. That shouldn't be necessary when you already pay to be in the classes. The textbooks should 100% be free.

218. The book explains what it needs to. [Professor] explains everything very well so unless you miss a class the textbook isn't super necessary which is fantastic that it's free. There's no point in requiring you to pay for a textbook when all the info you could ask for is covered in the class.
219. I really enjoy having the book on my computer. It saves room in my backpack and helps not have a heavy backpack while walking around campus. I also don't have to worry about forgetting the book.
220. Loved not having to buy anything!
221. The free online textbook we are using is great. While the other textbook was affordable its nice to have this one for free.
222. n/a
223. I love that the textbooks are free online for the students in the class. Most students don't have a ton of money while going through school, so that was a huge help to a lot of students. Aside from that, the textbooks are very well written and put together.
224. It gets the job done.
225. The Pluralism Essays are fine, but I did not really care for [book title]. It's very wordy.
226. It was a very good text book. Very helpfull and informational.
227. I liked it because it provided the necessary info for free.
228. Online textbooks are often harder to read but preferable to expensive traditional textbooks.
229. There was no required textbook for this course because the instructor provided everything we needed on ilearn and we could access it that way. Really liked the teaching style.
230. Very good class and mazing professor
231. Good quality
232. I was able to download the textbook onto my phone so I could read it and work examples no matter where I was, even if I didn't have wifi. It was a great help as with most texts if you're working from your phone, wifi is a necessity and it's almost always unbearably slow.
233. It is so great to use a free textbook, and it's very user friendly. We use our textbook for homework problems and have had very few problems with it.
234. The textbooks were online textbooks, but were very useful.
235. I personally did not use the textbook, but it was nice to have been offered a free textbook. It would much easier to access.
236. I liked the textbook.
237. Big fan of the free textbook
238. Easy to use
239. I love that it is free.
240. 7/10

241. It was very useful when I wanted more context to what [Professor] went over.
242. I like it.
243. The graphs and such were a little More difficult to read than a normal textbook may have been, but I did appreciate that it was free! And no homework outside of studying!
244. I think it's a useful textbook since the information from the lectures come from the textbook. It's very helpful having a free textbook for students to look through when they have to study.
245. I like that it was free
246. It was good
247. I really appreciate it being free!
248. I really appreciate that I was able to enroll in this course and didn't have to spend an extra \$100 on a textbook. The cost of textbooks for all of my classes can really pile up.
249. It's okay
250. It is great having it free and readily available. This eliminates so much cost on students to receive an education that costs enough already. It is much better to have no wait for a digital version compared to ordering a physical copy that will most likely never be used.
251. It was provided for us, and I was appreciative of that fact. We were given the passages or items that pertained to our current point in the curriculum and I felt that this method was much easier in practice than most other classes.
252. I love this text book because it is easily accessible, online, and free which is always good.
253. I don't think it should be required, as I rarely use it and I'm doing fine, so I'm glad it was free rather than me spending a fortune on it for no reason.
254. I never used it.
255. I like them because they were free
256. I love the online option that also happens to be free. It is great quality compared to other textbooks, and I highly recommend it.
257. It was great that it was free and I didn't have buy another expensive book that I would only use sometimes.
258. I hate carrying around heavy textbooks to my classes, so it is refreshing to not have to worry about one for this class. Since most of my classwork is online, I am already carrying around a computer, so it is nice to have it all in one place.
259. Didn't use the textbooks much at all, but it can be useful since it is free and if you get sick it is a good resource to have.
260. They are great!
261. Its good because its free
262. I love that it is free and can be used at any time
263. They were very useful and a good tool to use with the notes we took in class.

264. I purchased the book not really knowing what to expect. Through skimming the book and listening to [Professor] lecture, I quickly realized that it was more beneficial for me to listen to him and my notes than anything. The book is great if you need extra explanation but [Professor] does great to connect his lectures to not only real life examples but also book examples. Overall, I would say the book is great for supplemental reading but that it is for the most part unnecessary for [Professor]'s class.
265. Very good
266. Does the job.
267. Yes, free book is nice and is well lined up with the screen. It is a quality PDF
268. They are just as good as the ones I paid for.
269. Very helpful in eliminating an extra textbook cost.
270. I'm performing well in class and did not have to pay for the textbook, which is fantastic.
271. [shrug emoji] all you need is [Professor]'s slides
272. [Professor] made the textbooks free and we didn't have to purchase them, they were online, he provided us with the link and it was great because it helps us save a bit of our money.
273. It was overall a great experience and not having to purchase the book was a big plus
274. We don't use them
275. I loved that the textbook was free, it really helped with expenses this semester. I thought the quality of the book was as good or better than those that I have purchased for in the past.
276. Very high
277. G
278. I like the materials I find them easy to understand
279. .
280. I never really used the online resources. I am unsure if they would have helped me get a higher grade in my class or not.
281. They were adequate.
282. Very Helpful
283. it is useful
284. I liked how she had everything available for us to read on I learn
285. I enjoyed using the materials and the programs we relied on in my online course.
286. I like how it's an online book
287. It was fine and useful
288. convenient to access, no carrying a physical textbook.
289. I liked the free textbook option.
290. I love this book! It is amazing that this book is free. For my courses that are not general education courses, I tend to purchase and keep the book for the course so that I can reference

to it later. However, for this course I am not sure that I would have felt compelled to keep it long term and probably would have rented it. But this is not to say that the book could not be useful to reference to later. [class] has so much helpful knowledge to know about and be able to reference back to. This is an amazing program because now I don't feel the need to rent and then return my book (and negate my future use of it), and I also don't have to spend a ton of money buying it. This will allow me to use the book long term even if it may not be as often as my other texts.

291. .

292. I do not have a strong opinion either way, I am neutral.

293. Not bad, glad it is free and I didn't have to spend 200\$

294. It's a textbook. I neither really hate it or love it.

295. I like it a lot.

296. It was fine.

297. Great Material

298. I appreciate it very much that it it was free.

299. Good.

300. Free is always great when attending a university

301. ITs nice to not need to buy more things

302. We didn't have textbooks for this class.

Additional Comments (optional)

- A. After seeing the free books I was able to participate in, which is both [Professor] and [Professor], and the classes I had to pay to receive their books, they are no different. You get the same information as the one's you pay for, maybe there's a lesson in the book that you pay for that helps professors format their lessons, but other than that, having to purchase a textbook for the class when there is a free option online, is just money, that us students that are paying for their college without the help from any parental or family finances, don't really have. This semester I had pay 500\$ for books, not including the supplies or homework sites they use that cost more money. That's about 10% of tuition to just be in those classes. I think free books is the way to go, and that it not only improves grade point averages, it improves mental health without worry of affordability when it comes to textbooks.
- B. Better quality will always win. Free and easy access is high quality.
- C. College is incredibly expensive and overpriced. This makes things stressful and difficult. Any instance with free resources is appreciated.
- D. Free is always better
- E. Free is for me.
- F. Free is good
- G. Free is good.
- H. Free textbooks are great.
- I. good class
- J. I appreciated a free outlet of resources for this course!
- K. I'd highly recommend more optional practice quizzes and activities like Kahoot. Studying in this manner feels more enjoyable for me, and leads to higher retention.
- L. It eliminates a ton of stress off students financially, and it also help a beginning of the semester a little easier so you do not have to stress on making sure you have your required materials for courses.
- M. Make all of the textbooks free. Any student who chooses paid textbooks over free lack the necessary life experience to properly complete this survey.
- N. Personally, I prefer a paper textbook. Obviously, being provided with a free textbook is amazing, but I wish a paper copy was an option as well.
- O. Tennessee Technological University should take notes from professors like [Professor]. He is such a wonderful professor who understands his students at more than a classroom level, as shown by his provision of a free online textbook.
- P. Thanks for doing this!!!
- Q. The free textbook was very convenient and a nice feature. Because if the textbook was not free I would have either try to just do the class without it or purchase it myself.