

# Student Perceptions of OER

This survey was created to understand student perceptions of OER at Millersville University. The survey was designed as part of the Open Textbook Initiative (OTI), a program that incentivized faculty to adopt Open Educational Resources (OER) and/or Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) materials, administered through the OER Working Group. The survey has been administered to students in ZTC courses, faculty recipients of the OTI and faculty members in the OER Working Group.

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- 1) This survey is to help us understand student perceptions of OER. Your faculty member forwarded this survey because they have adopted OER. Please tell us which course are you currently taking that asked you to complete this survey?
  - a) Open ended
- 2) What is your major?
  - a) Open ended

Demographics – This information is being collected to understand more about the OER use experience. Personal information will remain confidential. Your name and M number will not be made public.

- 3) What is your name?
  - a) Open ended
- 4) What is your M#? (number only)
  - a) Open ended
- 5) Gender
  - a) Male
  - b) Female
  - c) Other
- 6) How many semesters have you completed at Millersville (Fall, Spring, Summer, winter)?
  - a) 0-30
- 7) How much (\$) do you typically spend on textbooks each semester (\$0-1000)?
  - a) Open ended
- 8) How much (\$) did you spend on textbooks this semester (\$0-1000)?
  - a) Open ended
- 9) On average, how much (\$) do you typically spend on textbooks for any one class (\$0-1000)?
  - a) Open ended
- 10) How much (\$) did you spend on textbooks for this class (\$0-1000)?
  - a) Open ended

- 11) In what percentage of courses do you have access to all the required textbooks/materials whether by purchasing it, borrowing, renting, course reserves or getting them for free? (0-100%)
- 12) On average, how many credits do you register for each Fall/Spring semester?
  - a) 0-21
- 13) On average, how many credits do you register for each Summer semester?
  - a) 0-21
- 14) On average, how many credits do you register for each Winter semester?
  - a) 0-21
- 15) What grade do you expect to earn in this class?
- 16) I could have passed this class without a textbook
  - a) Strongly disagree
  - b) Disagree
  - c) Somewhat disagree
  - d) Somewhat agree
  - e) Agree
  - f) Strongly agree
- 17) What are downsides to using electronic free textbooks?
  - a) Open ended
- 18) What else would you like to share regarding your experience using electronic free textbooks/materials?
  - a) Open ended

Instructions: In the following questions, free textbooks/materials will be all Open Educational Resources (OER), open materials, library resources, and other free-to-student materials adopted for this course

Scale: strongly disagree, disagree, slightly disagree, slightly agree, agree, strongly agree

- 19) I used/read the free course electronic textbooks/materials for this course
- 20) I was more satisfied to use free electronic textbooks/materials over paid textbooks/materials
- 21) The free electronic textbooks/materials in this course were easy to use
- 22) The free electronic textbooks/materials in this course were easy to understand
- 23) The quality of the free electronic textbooks/materials for this course were high.
- 24) The free textbooks/materials for this course were effective to help me learn.
- 25) I understood this course's content better using the free textbooks/materials than when using paid textbooks/materials.
- 26) I was able to put more effort into this course because of the free textbooks/materials.
- 27) I was able to take useful notes using the free electronic textbooks/materials just as I would have with a paid textbook.
- 28) I read more using free textbooks/materials than if the course required paid textbooks/materials.
- 29) I would register for a future course that uses free textbooks/materials like the one(s) used in this course.

Please answer these questions based on how you typically obtain or access course textbooks/materials.

- 30) I always purchase the required textbooks/materials.
- 31) I have access to all the required textbooks/materials in all my courses (either by paying for it or getting it for free).
- 32) Costs have led me to decline purchasing required textbooks/materials.

33) I avoid paying for required textbooks/materials.

Please answer these questions based on your typical experiences with classroom textbooks/materials.

34) Using textbooks/materials improves my grades.

35) Using textbooks/materials help me learn in classes.

36) I can pass any class without textbooks/materials.