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## Student OER Survey Template

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**BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO OER**

We are conducting this survey as part of an open educational resources (OER) decision-making process. We would like to know what you think about using OER, if you already do, and if you don't already use OER, what you think about the possibilities for using different types of open and online resources. Thank you for your willingness to participate in our survey. Let's begin with some information related to what Open Educational Resources are before taking the survey.

Nowadays, the concept of OER is widely known all over the world. Maybe you just heard the term OER but have no idea about what it means; maybe you have used OER before, but you did not know the resource you were using belongs to OER; maybe you know what OER means, but you don't know how many things you need to consider when you design your own OER, etc.\*

OER are teaching, learning and research materials in any medium—digital or otherwise—that reside in the public domain or have been released under an open license that permits no-cost access, use, adaptation, and redistribution by others with no or limited restrictions. OER can include both digital and non-digital resources.\*

**SURVEY QUESTIONS**

1. Approximately how much have you spent on purchasing course textbooks during the last 12 months?

Please state your best estimate of the total amount spent in American dollars. \_\_\_\_\_

Was the cost of the textbooks justified? ☐ yes ☐ no

What do you think would be a fair price for the textbooks you used. \_\_\_\_\_

2. How has the cost of purchasing textbooks influenced you?

- ☐ Bought used copies from the campus bookstore
- ☐ Bought books from a source other than the campus bookstore
- ☐ Bought a digital version of the textbook
- ☐ Bought the digital textbook chapters needed for the course
- ☐ Rented printed textbooks

- ☐ Rented digital textbook
- ☐ Used a reserved copy from the campus library
- ☐ Used an inter-library loan
- ☐ Shared books with classmates
- ☐ Downloaded textbook from the internet
- ☐ Sold used textbooks
- ☐ The cost of textbooks hasn't led me to attempt to reduce textbook costs (I've purchased them at regular cost)
- ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

3. How often have you taken the following actions because of textbook costs?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
Taken fewer courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not registered for a specific course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dropped or withdrawn from a course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Earned a poor grade because I could not afford to buy the textbook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not purchased the required textbook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Assuming cost is not a factor, which of the following textbook formats would you prefer?

- ☐ Print
- ☐ Digital
- ☐ Both

5. How important to you are the following features of an open textbook specifically?

	Not important at all	Of little importance	Of average importance	Very important	Absolutely important
Cost savings compared to traditional textbook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Immediate access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Convenience & portability of the digital format	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to print specific pages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to keep it forever	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to share it with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. If you prefer your textbooks in print format, please indicate the reason(s) for your lack of interest in using digital textbooks? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Digital textbooks are inconvenient to read.
- ☐ I like to have a printed copy to write in and highlight.
- ☐ I find it easier to understand what I am reading in a print copy of a textbook.
- ☐ It is difficult to move to different pages/sections of a digital textbook.
- ☐ Some digital textbooks are not compatible with my print disability solutions.
- ☐ Some digital e-reader devices are not compatible with my print disability solutions.
- ☐ I do not have access to the technology to take advantage of digital textbooks.
- ☐ Other: (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

#### ATTRIBUTIONS

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