



Logic Textbook Assessment

Survey and Consent Information

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This consent form, a copy of which has been given to you, is only part of the process of informed consent. If you want more details about something mentioned here, or information not included here, you should feel free to ask. Please take the time to read this carefully and to understand any accompanying information.

The University of Calgary Conjoint Faculties Research Ethics Board has approved this research study.

Purpose of the Study

The purpose of this study is to evaluate the quality and effectiveness of textbooks used in advanced logic courses by gaging how satisfied students are with their textbook and how they use their textbook to help them learn the material in their courses, to complete assignments, and to prepare for examinations.

What Will I Be Asked To Do?

You will be asked a series of questions about your textbook. The questions will address whether you have access to the textbook and if so in what format, how you use the text, how often you refer to the textbook, whether you annotate your textbook, how satisfied you are with various aspects of the textbook, and how expensive you judge the text to be in relation to your satisfaction with it, for example. You will also be asked to complete some demographic questions such as you gender, year in university, and major.

The survey should not take more than 10 minutes to complete.

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. You may refuse to participate altogether, you may decline to answer any and all questions, and may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are entitled such as university financial support. Your grade in the course will not be affected positively or negatively by your choice to participate.

What Type of Personal Information Will Be Collected?

Should you agree to participate, you will be asked to provide your gender identity, year in university, and academic major. You may participate in the study without providing this information.

Are there Risks or Benefits if I Participate?

There are no risks to your participation in the study.

If you complete the survey, you will be entered into a draw for a \$100 gift certificate to the university bookstore.

The online survey is being administered by SurveyMonkey®, an American software company. As such, your responses are subject to U.S. laws, including the USA Patriot Act. The risks associated with participation are minimal, however, and similar to those associated with many email programs, such as Hotmail® and social utilities spaces, such as Facebook®.

What Happens to the Information I Provide?

Participation is completely voluntary and confidential. You are free to discontinue participation at any time during the study. If you do, your answers will be destroyed. No one except the researchers will be allowed to see any of the answers to the questionnaire. The survey will be administered and your answers processed by a third party. Your instructor will not see any answers until after the course is over and the deadline to appeal your grade has passed. There are no names on the questionnaire. The survey software only records who has completed the survey, but your answers are anonymous. Only your anonymized answers, but not your email address, will be stored. Only group information will be summarized for any presentation or publication of results. The anonymous data will be made available on the project website with all identifying information removed.

Consent

Your submission of this survey indicates that 1) you understand to your satisfaction the information provided to you about your participation in this research project, and 2) you agree to participate in the research project.

In no way does this waive your legal rights nor release the investigators, sponsors, or involved institutions from their legal and professional responsibilities. You are free to withdraw from this research project at any time. You should feel free to ask for clarification or new information throughout your participation.

Questions/Concerns

If you have any further questions or want clarification regarding this research and/or your participation, please contact:

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If you have any concerns about the way you've been treated as a participant, please contact the Research Ethics Analyst, Research Services Office, University of Calgary at (403) 210-9863; email cfreb@ucalgary.ca.

You may wish to print this consent form for your records and reference.

* 1. Consent

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I have read and agree with the above, take me to the survey.

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I don't consent.



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Textbook Use

We would like to know how, and how much, you use the textbook.

2. How do you access the textbook?

Check all that apply.

- ☐ I have bought my own hardcopy of the textbook
- ☐ I have bought my own electronic (eBook) version of the textbook
- ☐ I have a hardcopy of the textbook, but did not buy it myself
- ☐ I have an electronic version of the textbook, but did not buy it myself
- ☐ I borrow a copy of the text when I need it
- ☐ I use the text in the library
- ☐ I do not have or use the text at all
- ☐ Other (please specify)

3. If you use the text in electronic form, what is your preferred reader software?

4. When using the text in hardcopy, do you ...

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Underline or highlight text
- ☐ Make notes in the text
- ☐ Make notes separately, not in the text
- ☐ Use bookmarks or flags to highlight places in the text
- ☐ I don't use the text in hardcopy

5. When using the text in electronic form do you....

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Underline or highlight text
- ☐ Make notes in the text
- ☐ Make notes separately, not in the text
- ☐ Use bookmarks or flags to highlight places in the text
- ☐ Print portions of the text
- ☐ I don't use the text in electronic fom

6. How often do you consult the textbook?

- ☐ Several times a week
- ☐ Once a week
- ☐ Once or twice a month
- ☐ Once every couple of months
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Never

7. Do you read the text in preparation for lectures?

Never					Always
1	2	3	4	5	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

8. Do you review the text right after the material was covered in lectures?

Never					Always
1	2	3	4	5	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

9. Do you consult the text during lectures?

Never

1

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Always

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10. Do you read the text in preparation for exams?

Never

1

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Always

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11. Do you consult the text when working on homework problems?

Never

1

2

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Always

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Textbook Satisfaction

We would like to know how satisfied you are with the textbook as a whole and some aspects of it in particular.

12. How well placed are the figures in relation to the material they discuss?

Not well at all

1

2

3

4

Very well

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13. How much do figures and diagrams help you understand the text?

Not at all

1

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Very much

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14. How well are examples used to explain the material?

Not at all

1

2

3

4

Very much so

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15. How adequate is the number of exercises/problems?

Not at all

1

2

3

4

Very much so

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16. Is the text well-organized?

Not at all

1

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Very much so

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17. Do the explanations provide enough detail?

Not at all

1

2

3

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Very much so

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18. How engaging/interesting is the writing?

Very boring

1

2

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4

Very engaging

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19. How understandable/clear is the writing?

Not clear at all

1

2

3

4

Very clear

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20. What do you like about the text?

21. What do you dislike about the text?

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Textbook Cost

22. How much money would you be happy to spend on a textbook for this course?

- ☐ 0\$
- ☐ Under 20\$
- ☐ Between 20 and 50\$
- ☐ Between 50 and 100\$
- ☐ Between 100 and 150\$
- ☐ More than 150\$

23. How much did the cost of the textbook influence your decision to buy it?

No influence at all

1

2

3

4

A major factor

5

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24. Is the price of the textbook too high for the amount of learning support it provides?

Not at all

1

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Very much so

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Demographic Information

25. What is your gender identity?

- ☐ Man
- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

26. What is your current year in university?

- ☐ First Year
- ☐ Second year
- ☐ Third year
- ☐ Fourth year
- ☐ Other

27. What is your major?

If you have not declared a major, please check all subjects that you are considering.

- ☐ Mathematics
- ☐ Computer Science
- ☐ Physics
- ☐ Philosophy
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Linguistics
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Other (please specify)

28. What final grade do you expect to receive in this course?

(Use "W" if you have withdrawn from the course or plan to.)