

OER Grant Student Survey - Fall 2023

The students completing this survey were enrolled in an OER program-sponsored course that used OERs and other no-cost required course materials instead of a traditional textbook.

The response was 168 students out of a possible 386 (44% response rate).

Please see Tennessee Tech's website for more information about the program:

<https://www.tntech.edu/library/textbooks/oer-program.php>.

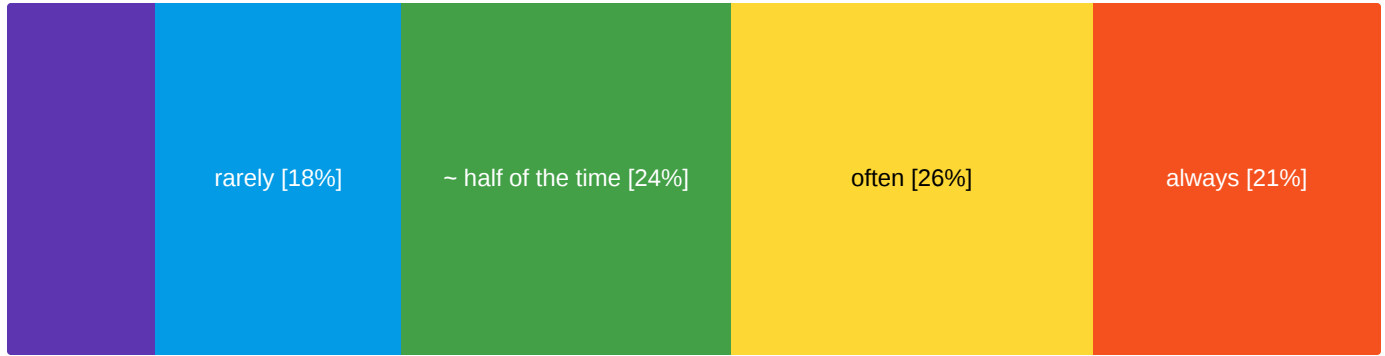
Select your class:

Response	Choice Count
Freshman	46.11% 77
Sophomore	11.38% 19
Junior	25.15% 42
Senior	17.37% 29
Total	167

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

Response	Choice Count
This is my first semester	45.51% 76
0.0-0.9	0.00% 0
1.0-1.9	0.60% 1
2.0-2.9	13.77% 23
3.0-4.0	40.12% 67
Total	167

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



● never [11%, 18] ● rarely [18%, 30] ● ~ half of the time [24%, 40] ● often [26%, 44] ● always [21%, 35]

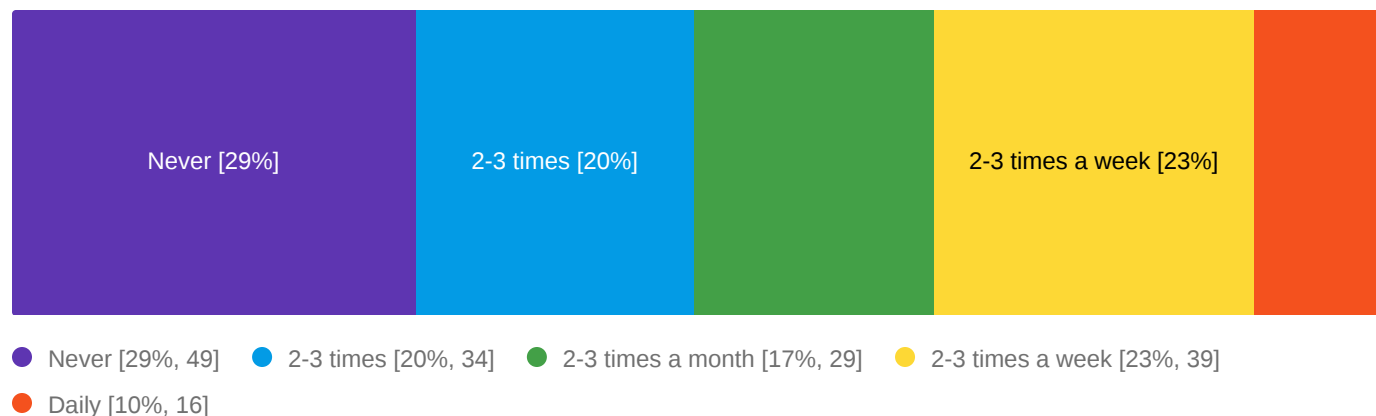
Responses by overall GPA at Tech

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 textbook	0	0	0	3	15	18
rarely	0	0	5	8	17	30
about half of the time	0	0	8	19	13	40
often	0	0	4	24	16	44
always	0	1	6	13	15	35

Please select your Fall 2023 course from the list below:

Field	Choice Count
Murphy: CHEM 3010-Organic Chemistry I	9
Baker, T.: ENGL 1010- English Composition I	19
Donegan: ENGL 1010- English Composition I	17
Seale: ENGL 1010- English Composition I	33
Pardue, S: ME 4010- Machine Design	14
Pardue, B: ME 4020- Applied Machine Design	9
Hensley: PSY 2130- Lifespan and Developmental Psychology	41
Wilkerson: PSY 3030- Careers in Psychology	9
Baker, J: READ 3310- Inclusive Emergent & Early Literacy	16
Total	167

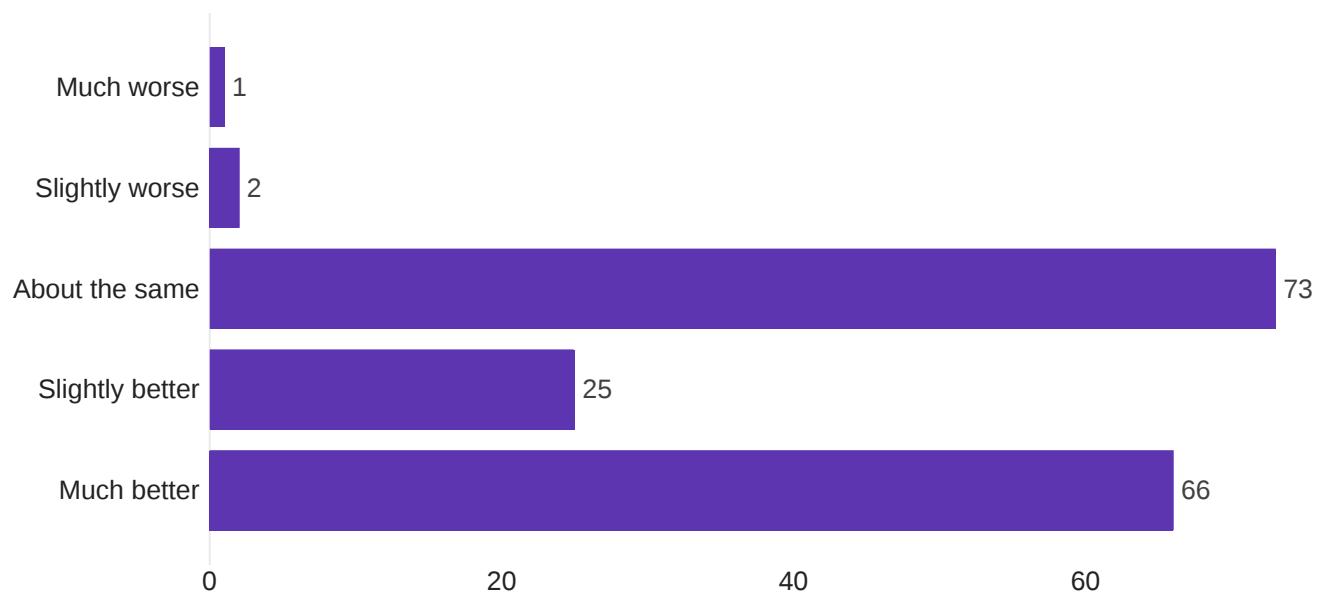
Approximately how often did you use the required textbooks/materials for this course during the semester?



Responses by course

Response	CHEM 3010	ENGL 1010 Baker	ENGL 1010 Donegan	ENGL 1010 Seale	ME 4010	ME 4020	PSY 2130	PSY 3030	READ 3310	Total
Never	1	13	12	10	2	3	5	2	1	49
2-3 times a semester	2	2	4	7	3	1	13	2	0	34
2-3 times a month	3	2	0	1	3	4	11	5	0	29
2-3 times a week	3	2	0	10	5	1	11	0	7	39
Daily	0	0	1	5	1	0	1	0	8	16

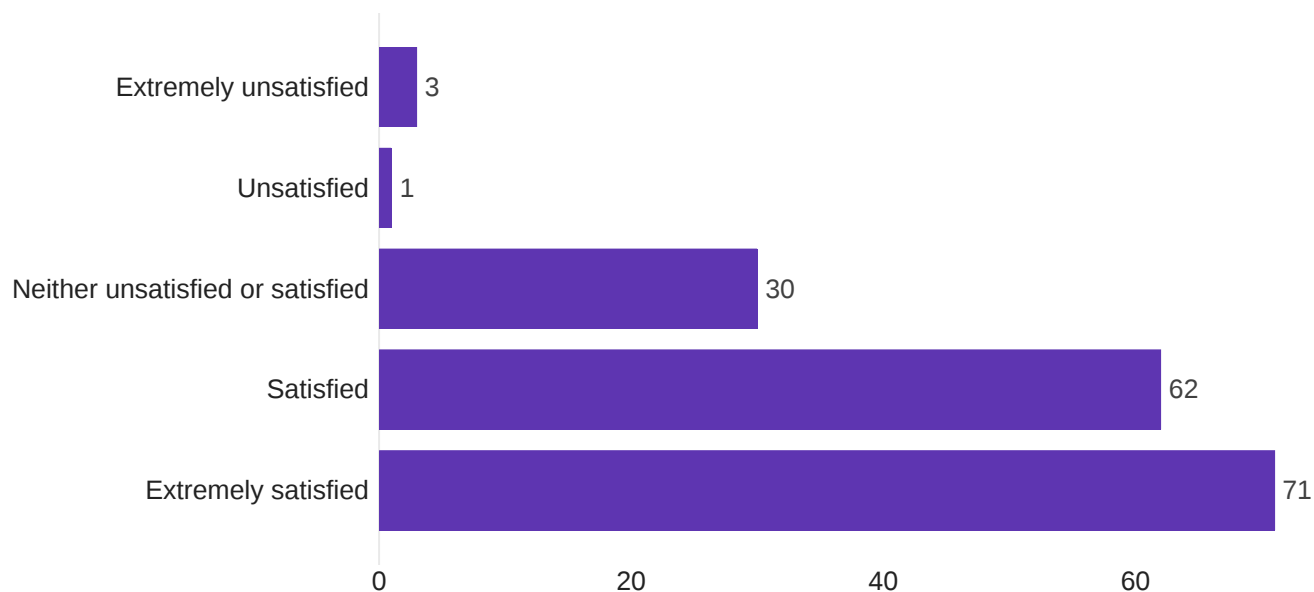
How would you compare the quality of the required textbooks/materials used in this course to your other courses?



Responses by course

Response	CHEM 3010	ENGL 1010 Baker	ENGL 1010 Donegan	ENGL 1010 Seale	ME 4010	ME 4020	PSY 2130	PSY 3030	READ 3310	Total
Much worse	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Slightly worse	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
About the same	3	8	8	9	8	6	22	6	3	73
Slightly better	2	3	2	3	3	1	7	1	3	25
Much better	4	7	7	20	3	2	11	2	10	66

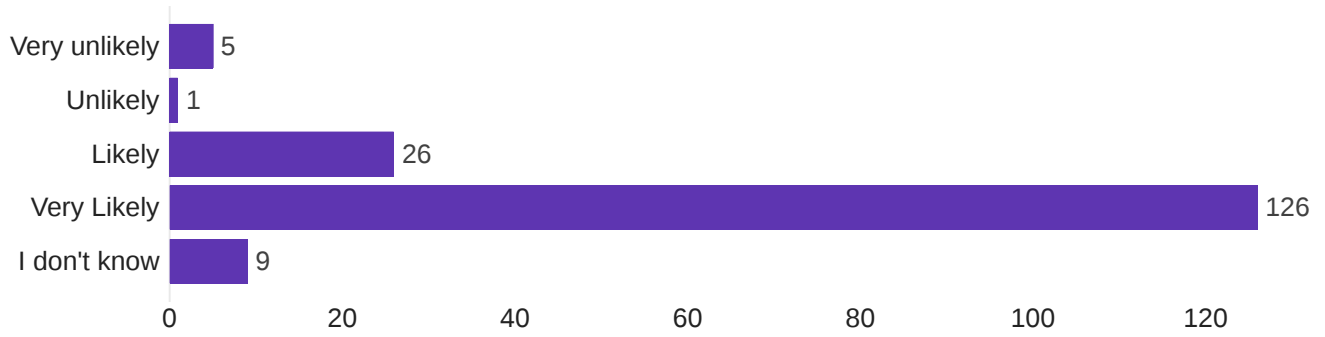
Overall, how satisfied are you with the required textbooks/materials used in this course?



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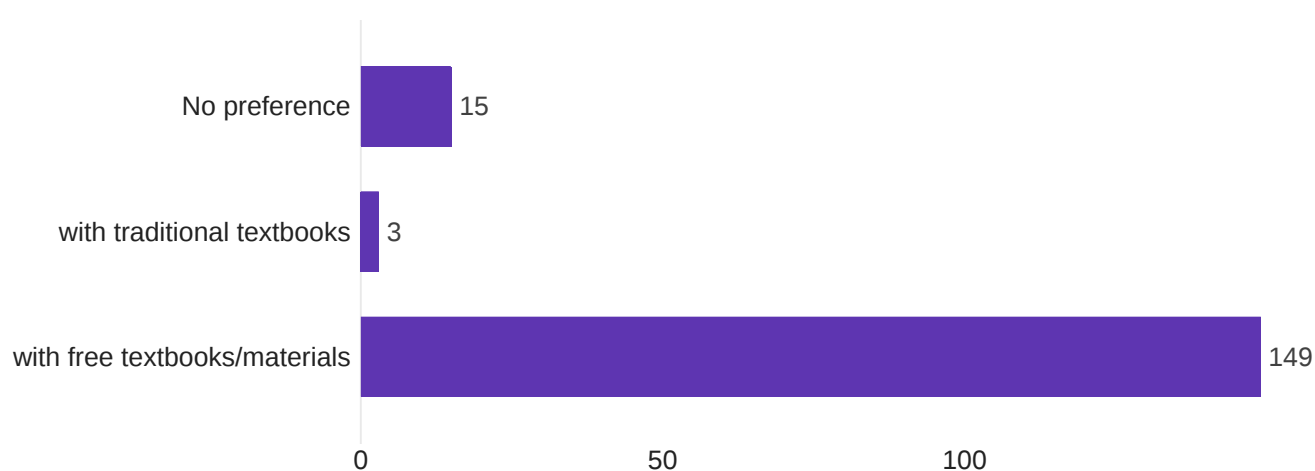
Response	CHEM 3010	ENGL 1010 Baker	ENGL 1010 Donegan	ENGL 1010 Seale	ME 4010	ME 4020	PSY 2130	PSY 3030	READ 3310	Total
Extremely unsatisfied	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
Unsatisfied	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Neither unsatisfied or satisfied	1	4	3	4	4	3	8	2	1	30
Satisfied	3	7	6	14	6	3	15	5	3	62
Extremely satisfied	5	7	8	14	4	2	17	2	12	71

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	2.99% 5
Unlikely	0.60% 1
Likely	15.57% 26
Very Likely	75.45% 126
I don't know	5.39% 9
Total	167

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	8.98% 15
The section with traditional textbooks	1.80% 3
The section with free textbooks/materials	89.22% 149
Total	167

Q15 - Additional Comments:

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Thanks

Who doesn't like free stuff I mean I think the choice was obvious.

I see positives with both, I think it is just dependent on the class and the cost.

I don't necessarily have an opinion about textbooks because I'm on book scholarship.

Students obviously want free materials.

I loved having the free textbook!!!

N/A

Text books should be free or turned in at the end of the semester like a traditional library on a first come first serve basis OR put all required textbooks in one system application and allow the students to subscribe to use the textbooks

Textbook will make your backpack heavier. With me being a nursing major I feel like I will need the physical textbook for better learning.

it was a very good course and I learned a lot about improving my writing.

I believe textbook free is more efficient and better for students who can't afford it

I have no money, so I like the free textbooks and materials

n/a

N/A

N/A

Open education resources helped my family and myself save some money and as a student paying completely out of pock this helps.

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