

# UTA CARES Student Survey (Spring 2019)

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## General Information

This is a brief survey regarding the UTA CARES Grant Program and OER publishing sponsored by UTA Libraries. The Libraries' open education program supports UTA educators as they transition away from using high-cost commercial textbooks, access codes, and bundles. You received this survey because your instructor participates in the open education program. Your feedback will help us improve the quality of the program and assist in reducing textbook costs for students. Your responses are anonymous and will have no impact on your course grade.

Please select the course taught by the instructor who asked you to participate in this survey.

- Art 1301 (Art Appreciation)
- Biology 3301 (Cell Physiology)
- Biology 3446 (Human Anatomy Lab)
- Biology 4311 (Histology)
- Civil Engineering 3142 (Applied Fluid Mechanics Lab)
- Civil Engineering 5350 (Risk Management)
- Construction Management 5350 (Risk Management)
- Economics 4318 (Economic Data Analysis Capstone)
- French 2314 (Intermediate French II)
- Geography 2302 (Human Geography)
- Math 3301 (Foundations of Geometry)
- Spanish 3315 (Composition Through Literature)
- University 1000 (First Year Experience)
- University 1131 (Student Success)

## Access

Educational resources used in this course were intended to be free to access, compared to traditional textbooks, access codes, and other course materials. Throughout this survey, the term “educational resources” is defined as required textbooks, readings, videos, software, websites, or other resources that your instructor requires you to use in order to complete course assignments or assessments. **Please answer the following questions about the materials used in this course only.**

When you first registered for the course, were you aware that the educational resources would be free to access?

- Yes
- No

When did you first access the educational resources required for this course?

- Before the course started
- In the first week of class
- In the third week of class or later
- Never looked at the educational resources

Did you purchase a hard copy of the educational resource(s) or print your own?

- Yes, I purchased a bound copy of the educational resource from the UTA Bookstore
- Yes, I purchased a bound copy of the educational resource from Amazon or another vendor
- Yes, I printed my own copy
- No, I did not access the educational resource in print

Where did you most frequently access the educational resources required for this course?  
(Select up to three options.)

- At home
- At work
- In class
- Elsewhere on campus (library, computer lab, UC)
- In transit (riding on a train, bus, car)
- Public spaces off campus (coffee shop)
- Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

What technology did you use most frequently to access the educational resources required for this course? (Select up to three options.)

- Your phone
- Your tablet or e-reader
- Your own laptop or desktop computer
- A work computer
- A campus computer (library or computer lab)
- A borrowed device (friend or family member's computer)
- Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

## Quality

How would you rate the **quality** of the educational resources used in this course?

- BETTER than the quality of the educational resources in my other courses
- About the SAME AS the quality of the educational resources in my other courses
- WORSE than the quality of the texts in my other courses

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*Display This Question:*

*If BETTER than the quality of the educational resources in my other courses*

Please briefly describe what made the quality BETTER than educational resources used in other courses.

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*Display This Question:*

*If WORSE than the quality of the texts in my other courses*

Please briefly describe what made the quality WORSE than educational resources used in other courses.

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How would you rate **ease of access** to the educational resources used in this course?

- EASIER to access compared to educational resources in my other courses
- About the SAME to access compared to educational resources in my other courses
- MORE DIFFICULT to access compared to educational resources in my other courses

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*Display This Question:*

*If EASIER to access compared to educational resources in my other courses*

Please briefly describe what made access EASIER compared to educational resources used in other courses.

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*Display This Question:*

*If MORE DIFFICULT to access compared to educational resources in my other courses*

Please briefly describe what made access MORE DIFFICULT compared to educational resources used in other courses.

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**Additional Information**

In the future, would the availability of free or reduced-cost educational resources in a course impact your enrollment decisions?

- Yes, I would enroll in courses with free or reduced-cost educational resources
- Yes, I would enroll in courses with traditional educational resources
- Maybe/Unsure
- No, the cost of educational resources does not matter to me

How much in total did you spend on required course materials for **this course**. *Only include the cost of **required** course materials like printing worksheet assignments or purchasing an access code. Do not include tuition and other expenses.*

- \$0
- Up to \$10
- \$11 - 25
- \$25 - 50 (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_
- Over \$50 (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything else you'd like us to know about the resources used in this course or the UTA CARES Grant Program?

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## Demographics

What year of study are you in?

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate student
- Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

What is your major?

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Have you received a **loan(s)** to fund your education? Loans are any type of financial support that you are expected to repay.

- Yes
- No

Have you received **grants or scholarships** to fund your education? Grants/scholarships are any type of formal financial support that you are not expected to repay. They may be funded by the government (e.g., Pell Grant), funded by the institution (e.g., Maverick Academic Scholarship), or funded by outside organizations (e.g., Gates Millennium Scholars).

- Yes, fully funded by grants/scholarships
- Yes, mostly funded by grants/scholarships
- Some, less than half of educational expenses covered by grant/scholarships funding
- No grants or scholarship funding