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Textbook Name:

Forallx: An Introduction to Formal Logic



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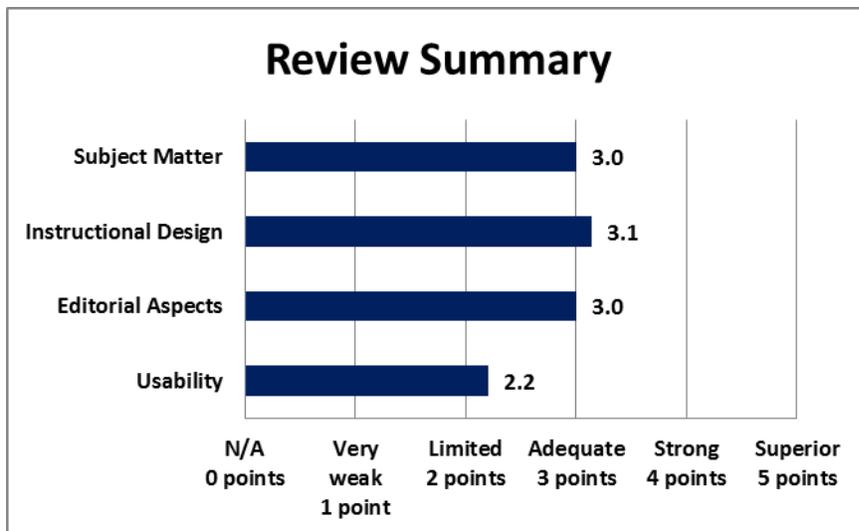
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California OER Council eTextbook Evaluation Rubric

CA Course ID: [PHIL 110](#)

Subject Matter (30 possible points)	N/A (0 pts)	Very Weak (1pt)	Limited (2 pts)	Adequate (3pts)	Strong (4 pts)	Superior (5 pts)
Is the content accurate, error-free, and unbiased?					X	
Does the text adequately cover the designated course with a sufficient degree of depth and scope?			X			
Does the textbook use sufficient and relevant examples to present its subject matter?				X		

Does the textbook use a clear, consistent terminology to present its subject matter?					X	
Does the textbook reflect current knowledge of the subject matter?					X	
Does the textbook present its subject matter in a culturally sensitive manner? (e.g. Is the textbook free of offensive and insensitive examples? Does it include examples that are inclusive of a variety of races, ethnicities, and backgrounds?)		X				

Total Points: 18 out of 30

Please provide comments on any aspect of the subject matter of this textbook:

- This book, like Teller's Primer, is not suitable for PHIL 110.
- It would be a strong candidate for PHIL 210 and is in fact listed as a sample text in the descriptor for PHIL 210.
- Like many logic texts, it overlooks an easy way to be more inclusive in examples for instance by using non-English names. Similar, small fixes to change "BC" to "BCE" etc have been missed.
- If I were reviewing this for PHIL 210, which I teach regularly, I would add that the treatment of the material conditional is good, but could be easily improved to become excellent.
- The book's writing style is minimalist though engaging. It is rigorous and concise.
- Test banks would be nice, but few logic books include them.

Instructional Design (35 possible points)	N/A (0 pts)	Very Weak (1pt)	Limited (2 pts)	Adequate (3pts)	Strong (4 pts)	Superior (5 pts)
Does the textbook present its subject materials at appropriate reading levels for undergrad use?					X	
Does the textbook reflect a consideration of different learning styles? (e.g. visual, textual?)			X			
Does the textbook present explicit learning outcomes aligned with the course and curriculum?		X				
Is a coherent organization of the textbook evident to the reader/student?				X		
Does the textbook reflect best practices in the instruction of the designated course?					X	
Does the textbook contain sufficient effective ancillary materials? (e.g. test banks, individual and/or group activities or exercises, pedagogical apparatus, etc.)					X	
Is the textbook searchable?					X	

Total Points: 22 out of 35

Please provide comments on any aspect of the instructional design of this textbook:

- Exercises are "graduated" -- exercise groups begin with easier exercises that become progressively more challenging. In my opinion, this is a must for logic books so we can develop the student confidence that is necessary for success.

Editorial Aspects (25 possible points)	N/A (0 pts)	Very Weak (1pt)	Limited (2 pts)	Adequate (3pts)	Strong (4 pts)	Superior (5 pts)
Is the language of the textbook free of grammatical, spelling, usage, and typographical errors?				X		
Is the textbook written in a clear, engaging style?					X	
Does the textbook adhere to effective principles of design? (e.g. are pages laid out and organized to be clear and visually engaging and effective? Are colors, font, and typography consistent and unified?)					X	
Does the textbook include conventional editorial features? (e.g. a table of contents, glossary, citations and further references)					X	
How effective are multimedia elements of the textbook? (e.g. graphics, animations, audio)	X					

Total Points: 15 out of 25

Please provide comments on any editorial aspect of this textbook:

- Lively minimalist style that leaves ample room to elaborate. This style is very nearly the opposite of Teller's _Logic Primer_. The former, I believe, will have much wider appeal both to educators and students (with the exception, perhaps, of Teller's students).

Usability (25 possible points)	N/A (0 pts)	Very Weak (1pt)	Limited (2 pts)	Adequate (3pts)	Strong (4 pts)	Superior (5 pts)
Is the textbook compatible with standard and commonly available hardware/software in college/university campus student computer labs?				X		
Is the textbook accessible in a variety of different electronic formats? (e.g. .txt, .pdf, .epub, etc.)		X				
Can the textbook be printed easily?					X	
Does the user interface implicitly inform the reader how to interact with and navigate the textbook?	X					
How easily can the textbook be annotated by students and instructors?				X		

Total Points: 11 out of 25

Please provide comments on any aspect of access concerning this textbook:

Overall Ratings	Not at all (0 pts)	Very Weak (1 pt)	Limited (2 pts)	Adequate (3 pts)	Strong (4 pts)	Superior (5 pts)
What is your overall impression of the textbook?					X	
How willing would you be to adopt this book?	Not at all (0 pts)	Strong reservations (1 pt)	Limited willingness (2 pts)	Willing (3 pts)	Strongly willing (4 pts)	Enthusiastically willing (5 pts)
				X		

Total Points: 7 out of 10

Overall Comments

If you were to recommend this textbook to colleagues, what merits of the textbook would you highlight?

- Clarity, accuracy, conciseness, rigor, minimalist style.

What areas of this textbook require improvement in order for it to be used in your courses?

- Cultural diversity, attention to different learning styles.

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