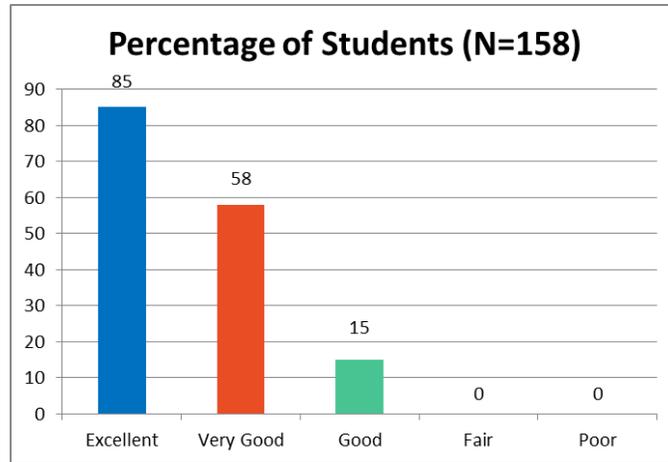


Textbook Evaluation Form
RebelText: *Essentials of Development Economics*
Fall 2012

1) Assuming that the average textbook used in UCD classes may be described as good, please rate *RebelText: Essentials of Development Economics* as a learning tool, considering characteristics such as coverage of the subject, organization, value, clarity of presentation, accessibility, interest, etc.

5= Excellent 85 4 = very good 58 3 = good 15 2 = Fair _____ 1 = Poor _____



Student Praise for *RebelText: Essentials of Development Economics*

- I LOVE RebelText! It's easy to understand, and the examples in the textbook are very helpful. It's easily one of my favorite econ textbooks from the past 4 yrs as an economics major.
- Simple enough to read and understand.
- Really helpful b/c it correlated well with the lectures.
- Related very closely to lectures, didn't have too much miscellaneous information.
- Good & easy to understand.
- Book is clear and easy to read!
- Affordable, concise, easy to read through. Weaknesses: can't think of any.
- Is pretty inline with the course. Simple and easy to read.
- Strength: like how the book was written a lot. Feels like you are having a conversation with the professor. Favorite class at UCD!
- The book is very concise, clear, and to the point.
- More explanations for the mathematical/econometrics. I think the first half of the book is easy.
- It makes me not go to class.
- Very good textbook.
- The graphs are difficult to see because they are too small. Easy to follow and read.
- I enjoyed that the book was more concise and left out a lot of abstract information like traditional texts. It correlated well with the lecture material.
- Organized, works well w/study questions.
- Clear, organized. Follows lectures.
- Easy to understand...I think it's the best economics book I've read so far in my undergrad career.
- The book is good for me to understand the course content.

- I liked that it was small & compact & narrowed information so that each chapter wasn't extremely long.
- Easy to understand.
- I like this book b/c it is a lot cheaper & affordable than other textbooks. It is also easier to read and understand. It makes me more interested in reading it than other textbooks.
- Easy to follow and understand. It's not long – straight and to the point.
- Very clearly written and easy to follow.
- Short and straight to the point. The topics covered in book match up to the lecture.
- The book is very accessible and approachable learning tool.
- Really clear and concise. Read very simply & easily. Really liked it a lot. Will probably not sell it.
- The book was following the class, it was very helpful.
- I read this entire textbook because it was so concise and enjoyable. I think it's the best text I've been provided with.
- It was really helpful.
- Very easy to understand. Well organized. Good examples.
- Length is much more manageable than a normal textbook.
- I like the textbook as it is easy to understand and simple. Other textbook have a lot of pages which actually not necessary. RebelText is better.
- Easy to read!
- Very short and concise, getting the material across in an easy and understandable way.
- Strengths: goes along with lectures, everything we need to learn for the class is all in the book, no unnecessary material. Weakness: none.
- The book was very easy to understand unlike any other econ books.
- I like the textbook of how it tries to give out the main point so straight forward. Unlike other heavy textbook, it doesn't have a few paragraphs talk about the same thing. I like reading this as I can quickly elaborate what the point of each paragraph.
- Follows along perfectly w/course. No "fluff" – all relevant info we need to do well in course. Writing style is accessible
- Good examples, concise, easy to understand.
- Love how its concise and not heavy so I can bring it around and read whenever I have free time!
- Great book. Written in such a way that it is easy to understand and follow along.
- Concise and to the point, great graphs.
- The text book is very clear.
- The textbook is very helpful for this class.
- Very easy to read and engage with complicated subjects. A lot better than reading an average textbook.
- Good book, not as daunting and annoying as a textbook. Logic of making better/cost effective text is great, especially since we are economists.
- Easy to read and understand.
- One of the most well written and easy to read "textbooks" I've read. I look forward to reading each chapter.
- Cheap!!! Has everything that we need to know for this class.
- Very descriptive. Dives into topics well and would be understandable to people with nearly all levels of economics education. It was also very inexpensive!
- Affordable, reliable and easy to read.
- Easy to read and comprehend; interesting examples/articles.
- The book was easy to understand with good examples and pictures of graph and data.
- Great examples of terms.
- Well organized, easy to read, cheap & small, easy to carry.
- Very concise, CHEAP (THANK YOU!), portable.
- Rebeltext was a really good book. Provides excellent information.

- The book is very clear and easy to understand.
- Easy to understand concepts; good examples.
- Short & concise; easy to read.
- It is very interesting. Would like to see these in more classes. Can't wait for econometrics.
- Easy to read. Good # of examples. Ties in well w/course & lectures.
- Good book, easy to follow on concepts.
- It is a great textbook. I really appreciate how it mirrors lecture, HW & exams.
- Didn't find any weaknesses. I love the fact that RebelText is very detailed and precise.
- I loved this book thank you professor Taylor! It was concise and simple! No extra unneeded info!
- Information are concise and the textbook is of much better value than the usual textbook. Also the lecture material can also follow more closely to the book.
- It's cheap and you can write in it which is much appreciated.
- Great book; easy to read. I liked how it was simple to understand.
- I liked that it did not have extraneous information but covered the topics from class. Also it was very easily readable.
- Many concepts covered in the book are covered in other economics classes. The book does a good job explaining the concepts in a simple and very understandable way while other professors tend to excessively complicate these concepts.
- The book is great! The text is accessible, simple and concise. Thank you Professor Taylor!
- Awesome idea. Very smooth reading and easy to understand. Makes Development Economics more interesting and enjoyable.
- Very concise & easy to read.
- The textbook was really good because it had current events that related to economical theory. I enjoyed how the material was easy to understand and interesting at the same time it kept me intrigued.
- The textbook was cheap and very educational. It made the topic of Developmental Economics enjoyable and easy to understand. I liked how the information directly related to the lectures.
- Well written book, it makes the subject clear and is an interesting read. Read it 2-3 times over again, very enjoyable & relevant to class.
- RebelText is a remarkable book. It is clear, straightforward, and simple when trying to teach development economics. The examples the book uses is also excellent and easy to understand. By far the most affordable and best textbook I have ever bought.
- Very easy to read & follow along. Brief & concise ideas.
- Really easy to read, it made sense, I actually read the whole book!
- The words in the text is simple easy to understand.
- Very good at qualitatively describing economic theory. I'm a 4th year econ major and I wish I read this as a freshman! Every Econ student should be required to read this book by their 2nd year. Very clear.
- Easy to read but over-simplistic. This made reading it both informative and enjoyable.
- Easy to understand, and important parts were clear.
- I loved this book for this course.
- Written in layman's terms-easy to understand. Love the example text boxes.
- Very easy to read & understand, I really enjoyed using this book. I also liked how well it followed the curriculum.
- The textbook was concise and well organized.
- Straight forward, no useless fluff, very helpful examples and text boxes.
- Very easy to read and understand. Easier than most textbooks. Simple.
- Readable, good length.
- I liked how the subject matter was defined to the most key concepts within development economics. It was also very cost effective and helped me a lot on book costs.
- It was easy to read.
- Cheap; easy to read; small. Great!

- I like the clarity that RebelText has. It is an easy read. Also it is concise. I like the real-world examples it gives too.
- Concise. Enough material for the quarter. It's clear in presenting material. Affordable.
- Easy to read, gives good real life examples which helps a lot to understand the material better. Not a dry read either. Enjoyed the book.
- It is an easy but informative read. I like the boxes with real life examples.
Has been one of my favorite econ books here at UC Davis.
- I only feel bad about other developmental Economics books that have to compete with it. Thanks!
Great job.
- RebelText is perfect.