## unique features of Adam Morton Searching for Logic, available <u>free</u> at http://www.fernieroad.ca/a/index.html#logic\_text .

This is a ready to use textbook, with exercises and other apparatus, for a special kind of introductory course in symbolic logic. The target is a course that covers the standard basic material with classes in which the instructor and the students converse freely, and students can find a wide range of interests in the material. It does this by beginning with an emphasis on search commands rather than deduction, from which both logical consequence and points about logical form in natural language are easily derived. This should appeal to two features of many of our students:

- They are more motivated to make accurate searches on the internet and elsewhere than in making logically perfect arguments. (So, for example, there is advice on doing Boolean search on Google.)
- They have varying degrees of math phobia. The text has many remarks on overcoming or dealing with it, using formal logic as a source of examples. (On the other hand, a number of exercises and occasional optional sections contain mathematically more challenging and stimulating material.)

Will this work for your course? You need to look at the text itself, which is available in PDF form on my website at <a href="http://www.fernieroad.ca/a/index.html#logic\_text">http://www.fernieroad.ca/a/index.html#logic\_text</a>, on PhilPapers.org and on Academia.edu . The first two of these also have the text as a Word document, which you can modify as you wish, subject to restrictions in the Creative Commons copyright.