



TEXTBOOK BEST PRACTICES GUIDE

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The cost of textbooks continues to increase, adding to the financial burden of college students. This makes it necessary for faculty to adopt better practices aimed at reducing textbook costs.

Working with the Faculty Council, the Student Government Association has composed the following list of Textbook Best Practices:

1. **RESEARCH:** Look into the costs associated with the textbooks you require.
2. **USE THE REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS:** If the materials are not going to be utilized, consider not registering the book on campus connect or utilizing materials students already have access to through the university library and e-reserves.
3. **ADOPT AND ORDER TEXTBOOKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:** Selecting textbooks promptly has a direct impact on the number of used and rental books the bookstore can procure for the quarter.
4. **DO NOT REQUIRE THE NEWEST EDITIONS OF TEXTBOOKS WHEN POSSIBLE:** Older editions are usually available for up to a year after revised editions are released and offer students a savings of 25 percent or more.
5. **TRY TO CHOOSE TEXTBOOKS AVAILABLE AS RENTALS:** Through Amazon's new textbook rental program or through the campus bookstore, rentals typically save students between 40 and 70 percent.
6. **AVOID BUNDLED TEXTBOOKS:** This often requires students to purchase materials that are not necessary for the class.
7. **ENCOURAGE E-BOOKS:** They are a cost saving option.
8. **KEEP THE SAME TEXTBOOK FOR SEVERAL YEARS:** When possible, this allows students to resell their textbooks at the end of the quarter.

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