

What is Wildcat Access?

Wildcat Access is Abilene Christian University's innovative program that automatically provides Abilene residential undergraduate students with all required course materials on or before the first day of class. This program helps students eliminate stress, save money and begin the academic semester successfully.

Does Wildcat Access cover all students?

Wildcat Access does not include graduate students, nursing students taking courses in their junior and senior years, and students who are only student teaching or have internships during the semester. All other Abilene residential undergraduate full-time and part-time students are included.

What course materials are included in Wildcat Access?

All instructor-required course materials are included in the program. This includes digital and physical textbooks, online access codes, other digital materials, consumables, etc. Course materials that are recommended but not required, covered by program fees or course fees, materials required for internships or student teaching, and art supplies are currently not included in Wildcat Access.

Will faculty retain academic freedom of classroom materials?

Yes. There will be no changes to current adoptions and faculty retain choice of course materials.

How does Wildcat Access know which materials should be provided to students?

Abilene residential faculty should submit required materials (textbooks, consumables, online resources, software, supplies, etc.) into FAST during the adoption period. It is important that faculty submit all required materials so that students receive what they need by the first day of classes. To submit adoptions, visit fast.ecampus.com/school/acu and log in with your Abilene Christian University credentials.

How will my experience change if I used Inclusive Access?

The faculty experience will not change at all with Wildcat Access. You will adopt through the same FAST portal and the students will still receive their materials through Canvas as before. The only difference will be how the student pays for the materials.

How does this impact OER adoptions?

OER and/or library resources are incorporated into the program. OER adoptions and library content remain highly encouraged as that only lowers the cost of the service. Adopters have the ability to notate that OER is used for a course in FAST & specify those materials so that they may be supported appropriately.

Where can I view support materials on utilizing the FAST Online Adoption Portal?

Review "[How to Submit Course Materials](#)" for step-by-step instructions on how to submit your adoptions online. In addition, you can visit the help section of FAST once you are logged in at fast.ecampus.com/school/acu.

What format will the classroom materials be in?

Materials will be available in the format the instructor chooses. Digital materials will automatically be delivered through Canvas. Print materials can be picked up at the Campus Store.

Will the students get to keep their materials?

Certain textbooks will be identified as books for students to keep; these textbooks will vary by major/program. Otherwise, physical books that are not consumables must be returned at the semester's end. Digital content will typically last six months or until the course closes in Canvas.

What if a student needs the same book for the next semester?

For a continuation, allowing books to carry over from one semester to the next, the student needs to enroll in the course for the following term, and the instructor must request the same course material, including the exact ISBN for the next term. In this case, the student will not be required to return the book and instead will keep it through the end of the following term. The student's due date on the Wildcat Access Student Dashboard will update as early as four weeks prior to the next term, or as late as 48 hours after enrollment.

If the textbook is in a digital format, can the student choose to print?

The student can print portions of digital textbooks on their own. Students have the option to purchase additional formats, other than what was provided within the course material bundle. For some classes, inexpensive loose-leaf versions will be available for purchase.

What if a student needs special accommodations?

Students needing book format accommodations should have a request submitted to the textbook publisher by the Disabilities Coordinator, Naoemi Gire (nls12a@acu.edu), at Abilene Christian University. If the publisher cannot provide an alternate format free of charge, you may send the request to the Abilene Christian University team at eCampus for assistance (acu@ecampus.com).

Do students have a choice of new or used materials?

Print materials will, in most cases, be used.

Does Wildcat Access cost the same for all students?

Yes, for full-time residential undergraduate students the cost is \$350 per semester. The program is \$22 per credit hour for part-time residential undergraduate students.

Can financial aid be used to cover the cost of Wildcat Access?

Yes.

Can students opt-out?

Students will receive information regarding participation opportunities prior to the start of each semester.

What if the student drops a course(s) and wants to opt-out of the program entirely?

The student has 14 days from the date the course was dropped to return course materials and not be charged the cost of the program.