

What is Wildcat Access?

Wildcat Access is Abilene Christian University's innovative program that automatically provides 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.

What course materials are included in the program?

All instructor-required course materials for the courses in which you are enrolled 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, program fees, course fees, materials required for internships or student teaching, and art supplies are currently not included in Wildcat Access.

How will I receive my materials?

Physical course materials will be shipped to the Campus Store.

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 undergraduate full-time and part-time students are included.

What is the cost associated with Wildcat Access?

Required course materials are supplied to full-time undergraduate students enrolled in Wildcat Access for \$350 per semester and part-time students for \$22 per credit hour. Wildcat Access reduces the cost of course materials, creates transparency on textbook costs, and allows students to plan on a consistent, maximum cost per semester.

How do I take advantage of this cost savings?

Full-time and part-time undergraduate students just need to register for classes as usual and the remainder will automatically be taken care of.

How will I be billed?

The program fee will be added to the Student Account. The line item will be displayed as "Wildcat Material Access Program Fee."

If my textbook is in a digital format, can I choose to print?

Students can print portions of digital textbooks on their own. There is also 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.

Do I have a choice of new or used materials?

Print materials will be provided as a textbook rental when digital materials are not available. These are predominantly in used condition.

Do I get to keep physical or digital 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 will be rental textbooks and must be returned at the semester's end. Digital content will typically last six months or until the course closes in Canvas.

What if I need the same book for the next semester?

For a continuation, allowing course materials 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 course material and instead will keep it through the end of the following term. Your 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.

What happens if I add or drop a course?

The system will automatically be notified of any add/drop changes within 24 hours. Newly required course materials are shipped daily or delivered digitally through Canvas. Course materials for dropped classes need to be returned within seven days of course drop or delivery of books, whichever is later, to avoid charges.

Can I opt-out?

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

Who do I contact with additional questions?

acu.ecampus.com/help