



How does Course Ready know which materials should be provided to students?

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.

Does the Course Ready program cost the same for all undergraduate students?

Yes, for full-time students the cost is \$267 per semester. The program is \$18 per credit hour for part-time students.

Can financial aid be used to cover the cost of the program?

Yes.

What about undergraduate students taking graduate level courses?

If the student is an undergraduate, but taking graduate-level courses, they will receive ALL materials. Distribution of course materials will be based on the student category, not the course category.

Will faculty retain academic freedom of classroom materials?

Yes, there will be no changes to current adoptions and faculty retain 100% academic freedom on course 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.

How supportive is the adoption tool with OER?

Access can be provided through the adoption tool to an extensive list of OER resources, including OER Commons, OpenStax, College OpenTextbooks, BC OpenEd, WikiBooks, Project Gutenberg, Merlot, Connexions, OASIS, OrangeGrove, Temoa, Academic Earth, Bridge to Success, Coursera, EdX, Miriadax, Open2Study, Open Course Library, Open Courseware, and OERu. Within the Faculty Administration Support Tool (FAST) faculty can have their selected OER resources added and provided for download alongside their course for students to access. In addition, Drake University faculty can utilize the course pack creator partner, XanEdu's, 8-million-item library that includes content from 240+ scholarly and OER publishers. XanEdu allows for OER resources to be compiled into a course pack, which can be distributed via print or digital. Print options are available with OpenStax through our print rental program.

What is included in Course Ready?

The Course Ready program covers all required textbooks and courseware including online access codes and labs. Items like painting supplies or test tubes, if deemed as required for the class and submitted in the system by faculty, are included. Students will be reimbursed for any video game purchases required by the instructor. Course materials that are recommended but not required are not included. Adobe Creative Cloud software is not included in Course Ready but is readily available in computer labs on campus.



What format will the classroom materials be in?

Each instructor specifies the format of required materials; currently, materials are about 39% digital. Professors specify which material format is required and may also indicate a preference for new vs. used. eCampus strives to find the least expensive option for our students. Faculty may collaborate with eCampus to determine which materials/formats are least expensive as we all work together to keep program costs as low as possible for students.

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

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. If a student is not receiving the formats they would like, the student can choose to opt out.

Do students have a choice of new or used materials?

Print materials will, in most cases, be used.

Will the students get to keep their materials?

Certain course materials will be identified as materials for students to “keep”; these course materials will vary by major/program. Otherwise, physical course materials that are not consumables must be returned at the semester’s end. Digital content will typically last 6 months or until the course end date.

Can students write in their physical course materials that will be returned at the end of the course?

Students CAN write in their physical course materials that will be returned at the end of the course. Typically, there is no penalty unless there is a significant amount of writing or damage to a book. If a student writes in or highlights a large portion of the books (around 50%) then that would be considered too damaged to reuse. At the time the student returns their rental, there would be an evaluation and the student would be responsible for replacing the book if needed. If a student receives a rental book with that amount of markup, eCampus will replace it with an acceptable copy.

What if a student needs the same course materials 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 materials; instead, they will keep it through the end of the following term. The due date will appear on the students Course Ready Dashboard, updating as early as 4 weeks prior to the next term, or as late as 48 hours after enrollment. Please note, this does not apply to students taking incomplete courses. Students taking incomplete courses will need to return their course materials by the original deadline.

Can students purchase physical course material rentals at the end of the semester?

Yes, students can purchase materials through their [Course Ready Student Dashboard](#) after the rental period is over, at a discounted rate.

Can students opt-out?

We understand Course Ready may not work for every student, opt-outs in such cases will be available through the [Course Ready Student Dashboard](#). Students with a scholarship that covers course materials should remain opted in unless the student deems the cost of required materials lower than the program cost. The scholarship will apply to the students bill and will offset the cost of Course Ready.

What happens if too many students opt-out?

The typical experience at other universities is an opt-out rate of around 7%, which is factored into the service.

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

The student has 7 days from the date the course was dropped to return course materials and not be charged the cost of the program.