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FAQs for Students

What is Course Ready?

Course Ready is Drake University's innovative program that automatically provides undergraduate students with all required course materials before the first day of class. This program helps students eliminate stress, save money, and supports academic success from the very beginning.

What is the cost associated with the program?

The program cost is $267 per semester for full-time, undergraduate students and $18 per credit hour for part-time, undergraduate students. J-Term is included with the spring semester at no additional cost. Course Ready 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?

Undergraduate students just need to register for classes as normal and the remainder will automatically be taken care of!

How will I be billed?

There will be a line item on the student bill. The line item will detail Course Ready explaining what the charge is for. Financial aid can be used to cover the cost.

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, painting supplies, lab supplies, etc. Students will be eligible for reimbursement for required course materials not capable of being sourced by Course Ready.

How will I receive my materials?

Residential on campus students will have physical course materials shipped to the Bulldog Shop. All other students will receive an email to verify their preferred shipping address either at home or the Bulldog Shop. Digital materials will be automatically delivered through the Course Ready Student Dashboard.

If my textbooks 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.

What if I am an undergraduate student 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 course category.

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What if I need 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. Your due date on the Course Ready Dashboard will update 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.

Do I get to keep course materials once my class has finished?

Certain course materials will be identified as books for students to "keep"; these course materials 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 6 months or until the course ends.

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 in the Course Ready Dashboard. Course materials for dropped classes need to be returned within 7-days of course drop or delivery of books, whichever is later, to avoid charges.

Can I opt-out?

We understand that Course Ready may not be the right fit for everyone. If you decide not to participate, you can update your program participation status through the Course Ready Student Dashboard. Students will automatically remain enrolled unless they update their status 45 days before the semester begins. In select cases, opt-outs may be excused up to 3 days before the start of the semester. 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.

Can I write in 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.

Can I 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.