

## **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.

## **When does the program begin?**

The program will launch in Fall 2024.

## **What is the cost associated with the program?**

The program cost is \$255 per semester for full-time, undergraduate students and \$17 per credit hour for part-time, undergraduate students. 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.

## **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 Blackboard.

## **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.

## **Do I have a choice of new or used materials?**

Print materials will, in most cases, be used.

## **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.

### **What if I need 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. 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.

### **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 must be returned at the semester’s end. Digital content will typically last 6 months or until the course closes in Blackboard.

### **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 Blackboard. 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 Course Ready may not work for every student, opt-outs in such cases will be available through the Course Ready Student Dashboard starting 45 days before the start of class. Opt-outs must be finalized ten days before the first week of class.

### **Who do I contact with additional questions?**

You may contact [courseready@ecampus.com](mailto:courseready@ecampus.com) for more information.