

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 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.

Can students opt-out?

Yes, students are provided an easy option to opt-out 10 days prior to the first week of class. Students can opt back in, in future semesters.

What format will the classroom materials be in?

The format is the most affordable option; currently about 39% digital. Digital materials will be available in Blackboard. Print materials can be picked up at the Bulldog Shop for residential students and are shipped to the address on file for off-campus students.

How can a faculty member dictate the format of a print or digital textbook?

Faculty members can add a "Book Comment" in FAST at the time of adoption expressing their interest in an exception. That will signal a review and approval process. eCampus would then confirm with an e-mail so the instructor is aware of the decision made.

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 6 months or until the course closes in Blackboard.

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

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.

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

Yes

Does the textbook program cost the same for all undergraduate students?

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

Does it cover online learning materials like online access codes and labs that might typically be bundled with the book?

Yes

Does it cover non-textbook items such as painting supplies, test-tubes, etc.?

Yes, anything the faculty member deems as required for the class, and submitted in the system, is included.

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.

Do students have a choice of new or used materials?

Print materials will, in most cases, be used.

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.

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 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. 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.

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 course category.