

HOW CAN STUDENTS KEEP TEXTBOOK COSTS DOWN?

Listed below are several alternative sources and means for keeping textbook costs down:

- Buy used books when available.
- If more than one book is required or recommended, check with the instructor to ask when the book will be needed.
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- Check with the library and ask if your textbook is available for limited loan. If the library does not currently have the book, ask the instructor to request a desk copy for the library.
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