

Purchasing Textbooks

You have options!

In addition to paying for your tuition and fees, students must also buy all textbooks and materials necessary for each class. For some, this cost can be as much as the tuition and fees. Whether you are paying for the textbooks yourself or if you are using your financial aid funds, you have several options.

Lee College Bookstore

The Lee College Bookstore will have all the textbooks and supplies that you will need for your classes.

- Check out www.leecollegebooks.com for the list of books each semester. You will need to know the class, the section number and the name of the instructor — information that can be found on your class schedule.
- The title of the book, the ISBN number and the cost of the book are also listed as well as whether the book is required or recommended for that particular course.
- The website will also say if a used version of the book is available or if the book can be rented from the LC Bookstore.
- The Lee College Bookstore is also a source for textbook rentals in which all students (including those with financial aid), must have a credit card. Students are required to return books by a specified date to avoid a \$25 penalty.

Can I purchase the books from another location?

- With the author and the ISBN number (available from the LC Bookstores website), you have all the information you need to purchase or rent the book from a variety sources.
- Two websites, Textbook Rentals (www.textbookrentals.com) and Used Textbook (www.usedtextbook.net) are search engines that compare many different many websites and offer both rental and purchasing options.
- The website Chegg (www.chegg.com) is another popular website for purchasing or renting textbooks.

Should I rent or buy?

- Typically, the cost of renting a book is less than purchasing.
- While students are still allowed to highlight and use the book as they would one they purchased, vendors will have guidelines on the condition of the book when it's returned.
- Many sites give you the materials needed to ship the textbooks back at the end of the semester.
- Rental for a shorter semester (summer or an 8 week session in the fall or spring) may be less expensive than the rentals for the 16 week semester.

How do I use my financial aid to pay for my textbooks?

- Students who have been awarded financial aid and are registered for classes may qualify for a book allowance.
- Book allowances will be made available in the form of a refund through Higher One (www.leeonecard.com). Once the student receives the card in the mail, he or she will need the card number to sign in and choose their refund method.
- Students have the choice of direct deposit, a paper check, or to use the card they received as a debit card. With the debit card choice, the refund is usually given the same day.
- The amount of the book allowance is based on the student's total credits registered for the term. For students receiving the full Pell Grant or federal loans, there is a maximum book allowance amount of \$750 as the full-time student.