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, 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 Bookstore’s website), you have all the information you need to purchase or rent the book from a variety of sources.
- Two websites, Textbook Rentals (www.textbookrentals.com) and Used Textbook (www.usedtextbook.net) are search engines that compare many different websites and offer both rental and purchasing options.
- The website Chegg (www.chegg.com) is another popular website for both the purchasing and rental of 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 textbook 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 Sallie Mae (www.salliemaebank.com/leecollge and choose “sign up” as a new user).
- Students have an option of having the funds directly deposited into an existing checking or savings account or have a Sallie Mae debit card mailed to the student. For students wanting to use a source other than the bookstore, it’s recommended that they ask for the funds to be in a direct deposit since the funds are received more quickly.
- The amount of the book allowance is based on the student’s total credits registered for the term. There is a maximum book allowance amount of $750 for the full-time student.