

# Olivet Textbook Affordability Program

## FAQs

### Cost

- The \$25 per credit hour covers **rental** of print materials, consumables (like lab manuals), access codes, and eBook/Vital Source resources.
  - ALL physical materials need to be returned at the end of the semester
  - If the course has no required materials, students are not billed for those credits. Initial estimated charges on students' accounts will include all credits, but the final actual charge after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of classes will be correct
- As compared to purchasing textbooks in a traditional, retail model, this inclusive rental program has a 60% cost savings for students and families.
- Electronics, such as calculators, iPads, or nursing instruments are NOT included in this program.
- Some materials are used for 2 semesters. These materials will be rented both semesters.
- The all-included plan is automatic for students ***unless they opt-out each semester***: [Bookstore Rental Opt-Out Form](#)
- The plan is all or nothing on a semester-by-semester basis – if students opt-out, they opt-out for ALL classes that semester.
  - If a student is using the all-included plan and drops one course while adding another, they return the books from the dropped course and pick-up the books for the added course
  - If courses being added/dropped aren't equal credit hours there will be a billing adjustment
  - Textbook rental costs will be finalized for each semester on the tenth day of class. **No account adjustments will be made after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of class.**

### Payment & Pick-up

- If a student does NOTHING, the cost of \$25 x total credit hours will be applied to the student bill and they will have all their books available for pick-up.
- Students will pick-up their books at the post office (as part of the renovated Ludwig); they will provide their student ID for book pick-up.

### Purchase Options

- If a class has an eBook, but a student wants to use a print version, that cost is NOT included, and the student would need to purchase the book separately.
- If a student chooses to opt-out of the plan, they can still buy/rent the required books from the bookstore on an individual book cost.

- The print books are rentals; students can keep/purchase books at the end of the semester for the greater cost of:
  - The difference between the cost of the book(s) and the amount paid already for the materials (e.g., a 3-hour course would be \$75 for the books; if there was a book that cost \$150, the student could buy the book at the end of the semester for \$75)
  - \$20 per book (if three course texts totaled less than \$75, for instance, the student could buy them for a total of \$60)

## Benefits

- Everyone has the required course texts at the start of class
- Value (as opposed to traditional retail model)
- Convenience (instead of comparison shopping across other secondary markets)
- No credit card required
- Ability to spread text costs out as they would be included in existing tuition installment payments

## Student Opt-Out

- Student opt-out deadline will be the 10<sup>th</sup> day of class.
- This process will be integrated with pre-registration. Returning students will first see the option in Spring, and will have until the 10<sup>th</sup> day of class to opt-out or opt back in.
- Opting-out for late registering students will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

## Nursing bundle

- Because some textbooks are used for 3+ semesters, the continuous re-renting model is not cost-effective for nursing students.
- Nursing books will be bundled.
- Students will get new textbooks.
- The cost of the bundle will be added to the student's bill.
- If the student does not opt-out, they will be opted in for the Nursing Bundle for their NURS courses and the Rental Program for their non-NURS courses.
  - Non-NURS course books will be rented and need to be returned to the bookstore at the end of the semester
  - NURS course books will be owned by the student