

E-textbooks at UC

COVID-19 has increased demand for online teaching and research content. Commercial textbooks are increasingly sold to libraries under very restrictive licenses with significant pedagogical, equity and financial implications for students. An alternative is open textbooks, which are freely available online educational resources.

ADVANTAGES OF OPEN E-TEXTBOOKS

OPEN E-TEXTBOOKS

- All students have any-time access
- Can use the text in class/exams
- Unlimited printing/user access
- Save students money
- Save UC money

COMMERCIAL E-TEXTBOOKS

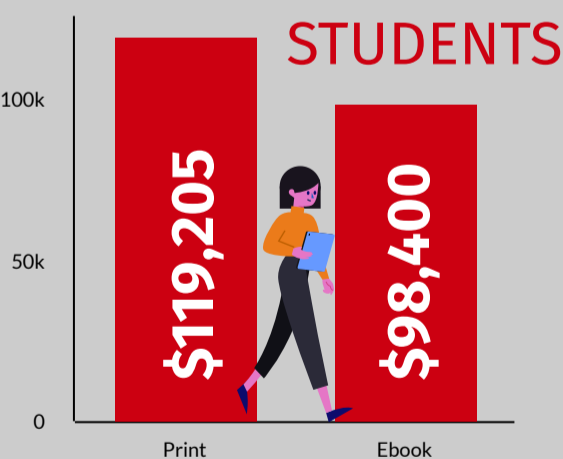
- Students who cannot purchase rely on library access.
- Licenses for libraries often have limited printing/user allowances.
- Limits use of textbook in class/exams
- Escalating costs for students and universities

OPEN TEXTBOOKS AT UC

In 2021, an open textbook resource, NOBA, was adopted in PSYC105/106 to replace a commercial textbook (*Psychology* (3rd European ed.) by Schacter et al.).

1055 students in 2 occurrences

Potential Savings to Students:



ACADEMICS



The course co-ordinators intend to continue using this resource in 2022.



If the Library had purchased print-equivalent access (27 x 1-user e-book licenses):

Potential Savings to UC:

\$21,400

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