



Policy on Textbook Affordability

The Johns Hopkins University recognizes that the cost of textbooks can add significantly to education costs for our students and their families. Accordingly, the University fully supports textbook affordability measures. It is the policy of the University that faculty, staff and students have appropriate options and pertinent and timely information when selecting and purchasing textbooks. The University encourages early selection and adoption of textbooks so that students may have a meaningful opportunity to explore budget sensitive options. Additionally, consistent with the Maryland College Textbook Competition and Affordability Act and the federal Higher Education Opportunity Act, all University Schools and academic programs shall, to the maximum extent practical, include the following textbook information in online course schedules for pre-registration and via web links on printed course schedules: title; author; publisher; edition; copyright and publication dates; International Standard Book Number (ISBN); anticipated enrollment; whether supplemental material is required or suggested and whether a previous edition will suffice; whether selection of course materials has been finalized and a caveat regarding the potential consequences of purchasing course materials prior to being finalized; and, the return policy of the campus bookstore serving the student's division. This information shall be posted for any course within three weeks after selection of course materials by the faculty member, or when selection by the faculty member is finalized, whichever comes earlier.