

Save it for the nights out for eating out for anything else

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Post-secondary schools across the nation estimate the cost of textbooks at around \$1,000 a year for an undergraduate student. Multiply that by four years and you're looking at spending \$4,000 on books that'll be sentenced to a life of collecting dust once you're done with them. And that's not even including summer classes! Want to cut back on your exorbitant textbook bill this semester? Follow these tips and you're sure to save upwards of 30 percent!

Tip 1: Look up the ISBN number of the book you need on multiple sites to compare prices before making a purchase. Also, take into consideration shipping costs. Websites like Amazon offer free shipping to students with a school email address.

Class: AMH 3423 Florida Since 1845 with Steven Noll
Book Title & Author: *Florida: A Short History* by Michael Gannon
UF Bookstore: \$14.95 New, \$11.25 Used
Amazon.com: \$8.00 New, \$3.55 Used
Half.com: \$8.97 New, \$3.55 Used
Chegg.com: \$15.99 New, \$14.49 Used

Tip 2: Share textbooks with friends in your class! You study in groups, right? Why have five textbooks piled onto that library table when you could have just one or two! This will allow you to split the cost in half, thirds, or maybe even more!

Class: POT2002 Intro to Political Theory with Manu Samnotra
Book Title & Author: *The Human Condition* by Hannah Arendt
UF Bookstore: \$17.50 New, \$13.25 Used
Amazon.com: \$8.00 New, \$3.89 Used
Half.com: \$7.00 New, \$4.23 Used
Chegg.com: \$6.96 Used

Tip 3: Once you find out which textbooks you need, ask students you know who may have already taken the class. Did they really use that textbook? Do they still have their copy that you could borrow or buy for a cheap price? Also, make sure to join the Facebook group "UF Textbook Exchange."

Class: RTV3405 TV & American Society with Jessica Mahone
Book Title & Author: *Cognitive Psychology of Mass Communication* by Richard Jackson Harris
UF Bookstore: \$67.95 New, \$51.00 Used
Amazon.com: \$1.99 New, \$0.99 Used
Half.com: \$39.99 New, \$26.09 Used
Chegg.com: \$60.49 New, \$39.99 Used

Tip 4: If you're sure you won't drop the class, buy your textbooks before you get to school. Taking a proactive approach and preparing ahead of time will provide you with more options in price and book condition when selecting your textbook from an online source.

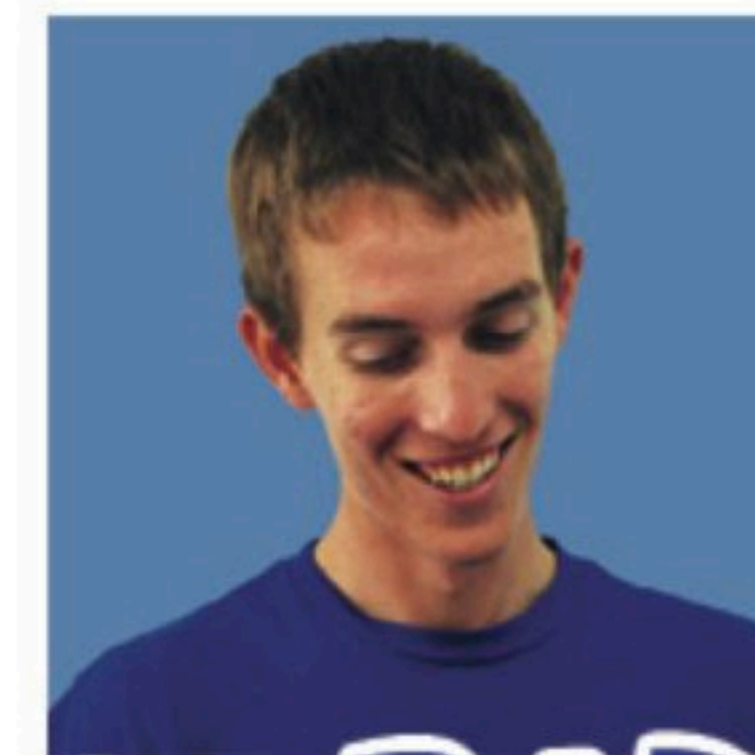
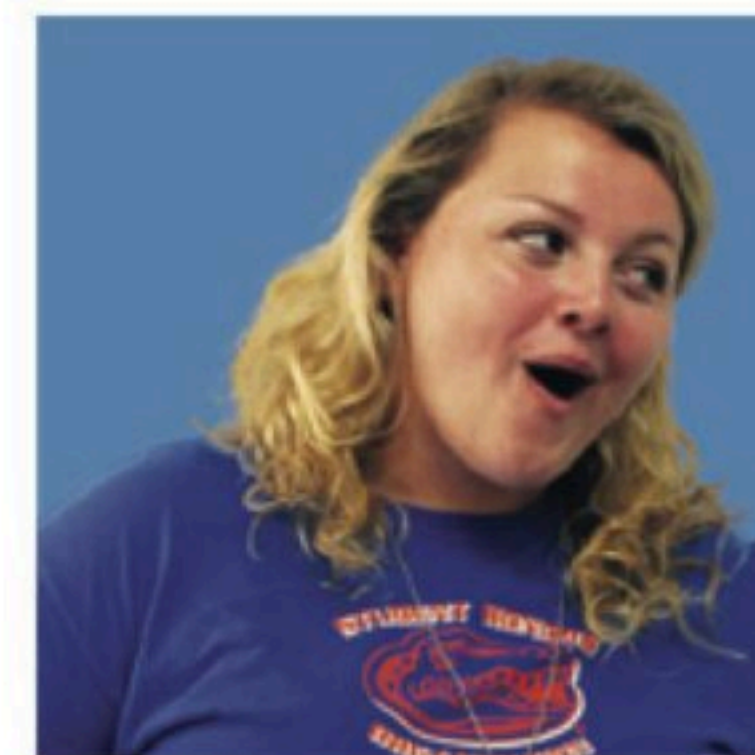
Class: MAC1140 Pre-calculus Algebra with Shannon Street
Book Title & Author: *Precalculus* by Larson
UF Bookstore: \$140.00 New
Amazon.com: \$122.95 New

Tip 5: Got a Kindle? Nook? iPad? Websites like ecampus.com, coursesmart.com, and kno.com provide e-textbooks to rent, often for less than a hard copy! Carrying around that e-reader versus a load of heavy textbooks could relieve that shoulder pain as well as the sting of the cost!

Class: MMC1702 Rock 'n' Roll and America 2 with Ji Hoon Lee
Book Title & Author: *Rock and Roll: An Introduction* by Michael Campbell and James Brody
UF Bookstore: \$51.99 Rent
Amazon.com: \$83.10 New, \$12.00 Used
Half.com: \$83.92 New, \$15.00 Used
Chegg.com: \$36.99 New, \$32.49 Used

Tip 6: Sell your books after the semester is over! Don't just leave them in your dorm when you move out. You can use that extra money to purchase next semester's supplies.

Other sources for discounted textbooks: campusbooks.com, textbooks.com, barnesandnoble.com, book.ly, swoopthat.com.



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