

Problem Statement

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The over dependence on textbooks is very outdated. The university's textbook distribution system is lacking. They often run out of textbooks, leaving students without necessary materials. Lots of classes require textbooks to complete assignments, where students will receive an access code after purchasing said textbooks. With the lack of access to textbooks and the outrageous prices, students are left feeling helpless.

Who experiences this problem?

This is an issue that students not only at the University of South Carolina, but many institutions face.

What is the problem?

The core issue is the poor, inefficient, and outdated textbook distribution system. Textbooks are limited, prices continue to rise, and students are left without the means to complete their assignments and learn necessary material. Not everyone can afford spending 100s of dollars every semester on textbooks. Students can easily fall behind on assignments because of this and their grades will be affected.

Where does the problem present itself?

This problem mainly occurs in universities, like the University of South Carolina. Courses that specifically require students to purchase textbooks to complete coursework amplify this issue.

Why does it matter?

This issue directly affects the success and wellbeing of students everywhere, not just at the University of South Carolina. Students who cannot afford the required textbooks are often forced to either delay their assignments or forgo purchasing the books altogether. As a result, they are disadvantaged in their learning, which may lead to lower grades, increased stress, and even academic failure. Additionally, the financial strain of purchasing textbooks at exorbitant prices contributes to the growing burden of student debt.