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HOW MUCH MONEY WILL YOU GET? READ ON...

ALL ABOUT BOOK BUYBACK

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Q: HOW MUCH CASH CAN I GET FOR MY TEXTBOOK?
A: It depends on the book’s demand, age, condition, and how many we have in stock, but we often pay up to 50% of the price you paid.

Q: WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO SELL?
A: We buy back books every day, but finals week is the best time to sell your books. We’ll pay top dollar as long as we can, but when our inventory gets too high, the buyback price may go down.

REMEMBER: RETURN YOUR BOOKS AT THE END OF THE TERM TO AVOID LATE FEES!

RENT OR BUY

Q: WHY DON’T YOU BUY BACK ALL THE BOOKS I BOUGHT?
A: Whether or not we can buy a book depends on two key factors:
1. whether the instructor has informed us if he or she will be using the same book next term; and
2. how many books we have already bought back.
If we don’t have confirmation that the book will be used again, or if we already have the quantity we need for the next term, the value of the book decreases.

REMEMBER: SELL YOUR BOOKS RIGHT AFTER YOUR FINALS TO GET TOP DOLLAR.

THE RIGHT BOOK FOR YOU?

All these choices are great, but what you really need to know is which format of book is going to offer you, personally, the best overall VALUE. The chart below shows our textbook options and their overall value over the course of a term. However, it’s important to keep in mind this is strictly from a “dollars and cents” point of view. Remember to consider your own personal learning style, as well as your wallet, when judging the right fit for you. For example, if seeing another student’s green highlighting is going to affect your ability to learn the material, then a new book could be worth its weight in gold. We offer you the most options when it comes to buying textbooks. Use this chart to help you find out which textbook option is right for you and which options will offer you the best value.

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RENTAL (NOT CHECKED IN)

DIGITAL

DIGITAL

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NEW (W/Buyback)

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NEW OR USED (W/Buyback)

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