

New Students

Searching For & Pricing Textbooks



Finding Your Textbooks

Searching and pricing textbooks are one of the many responsibilities that are placed on students at Towson. While students are able to go to the University Union bookstore and wait in line after line to access the books they need for classes, it can be a lengthy and tiring process. To avoid the lines, students can now access the bookstore online, finding the books they need and knowing the prices of the books before they get them.

To search for books:

1. Open the student portal in your web browser by entering the address "**students.towson.edu**"
2. Under **Academic Resources**, click **Textbooks** to open the University Bookstore's webpage (**Figure 1, 1**).
3. Click **Book Search/ Order** on left menu.
4. Scroll down to the **Click Here to Order Books** links and click the appropriate link for your classes location (on or off campus) (**Figure 1, 2**).



While the link says "order" these steps will guide through searching and making a list of books needed only. It will not bind you to buying your textbooks. More information is at the end of this document.

Process Summary

Searching For Textbooks:

1. Go to Online bookstore via student portal.
2. Search for books using class and section.
3. Choose books.
4. Bring list to bookstore and get books.

Figure 1

INFORMATION FOR CURR

- Academic Resources
- Academic Calendar
- Academic Support Services
- Catalogs, Graduate and Undergraduate
- Class Schedules
- Cook Library
- Course Descriptions
- Departments & Programs
- General Education Requirements
- Grades & Transcripts
- Graduate Student Resources
- Graduate Studies
- Graduation Requirements
- Honors College
- International Student & Scholar Office
- Learn Online Resources
- Majors
- New Student Programs
- Registration
- Study Abroad
- Textbooks



[Click here to Order Books for ON-Campus Courses](#)

[Click here to Order Books for OFF-Campus Courses](#)



Figure 2

5. Select the departments associated with your classes (**Figure 2, 1**).



If you have classes in more than one department, select all that apply.

6. Click **Continue to Select Courses** (**Figure 2, 2**).

Course Materials > Select Term and Departments Help

Select Term and Departments

Fall 2006 Textbooks available for ordering

FALL 06

Select Departments

- ACCT
- ACSD
- AFST
- AIT
- AMST
- ANTH
- ARAB
- AREC
- ART
- ARTH

Continue to Select Courses

- Choose your classes, making sure to select the correct section of the class (**Figure 3, 1**). You can find this information on your class schedule.

- It is very important to make sure that you select the right section. If your section is not listed, it's possible that either the instructor has not required any textbooks for the class or has not listed textbooks yet. Double check with the staff at the bookstore when you go to get your books.

Figure 3

- Click **Continue to Get Course Materials** (**Figure 3, 2**).

- By default, the used copy of the book (**Figure 4, 1**) will be selected.

- Used** books should be the first choice for textbooks. The prices are always discounted from the original price.


Course	Section
<input type="checkbox"/> AFST 201	1
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 207	1,2
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 207	10
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 207	101
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 207	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 207	4,5
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 207	6,7
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 207	8,9
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 208	1,2
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 208	3,4

Continue to Get Course Materials

- If worried about condition, remember that the staff at the bookstore checks books and makes sure they are in useable condition before reselling.

Figure 4

Term: FALL 06 Name: ANTH 207 Section: 10 Instructor




REQUIRED

ANTHROPOLOGY 06/07
Look Inside This Book

Author: DUSHKIN GR

Used : \$19.25 New : \$25.67

Quantity: **Add to Cart**




REQUIRED

MUTANT MESSAGE DOWN UNDER-10TH ANNIV.E
Look Inside This Book

Author: MORGAN

Used : \$9.71 New : \$12.95

Quantity: **Add to Cart**



WORLDS OF A MAASAI WARRIOR
Look Inside This Book

Author: SAITOTI

New Students Remember:

- This process will help you calculate the total **expense** of all your books.
- Books at the used price is **not guaranteed to be available** at the University Store - they might be gone by the time you go shopping. When preparing to buy your books, always set aside enough money to buy New copies. It's best to be prepared for the worst.
- While the purchasing of textbooks is available online by placing the books you wish to purchase in a "shopping cart" and "checking out", **it is best for new students to meet with book store staff before purchase**. This is to ensure that all the books you need are purchased and those which you do not need stay shelved. It will save you time and money in the long run.
- Bring your class schedule and your book list that you found through this internet book search when you go to the bookstore to ensure that you are prepared for all your classes.

