

Required Textbook Information!



Federal law requires that colleges make information available to students about the textbooks that will be used by instructors in every class they teach before students register for a class.

This is an acknowledgement by the federal government that the high cost of textbooks has been, and continues to be, a barrier for many students when it comes to achieving their educational goals.

To put it simply, the law requires that colleges and universities make the International Standard Book Number (ISBN) for each book required for each class section available to students so they can determine the true cost of taking any class in college. The ISBN is a 10- or 13-digit number that uniquely identifies books and book-like products published internationally.

Armed with the ISBN, students can make informed financial choices about the classes they take.

To satisfy the requirements of the law, when you search online for a class this fall, you will be able to link to the college bookstore (coc.bncollege.com) where you will find the ISBNs for each required textbook or other material required for the class.

Students can use these numbers to find out the cost of the required textbooks through the bookstore or use the ISBN information to shop for books on their own.

We trust that this additional information will make the process of selecting classes more straightforward and that students will be better able to manage the financial aspects of their college careers.

It is important to point out that purchasing textbooks is one of the many ways for students to obtain the materials they need for their classes. At College of the Canyons, Open Educational Resource (OER) options are available through the Distance Learning program; several textbook rental programs are available through Financial Aid and the college bookstore; and used textbook purchase and buyback programs are also available through the bookstore. Textbook information, including ISBNs, can also often be found in the syllabi posted by instructors for the classes they are scheduled to teach.

HOW TO FIND TEXTBOOK INFORMATION (ISBN number)

To search for an ISBN number for the textbooks needed for fall semester classes, follow the steps below:

1. Click on the **Bookstore web link**
2. At the top of the page, choose **“Textbooks”**
3. Fill out the information under **“Your Customized Textbook List – Step One”**
4. **Select the Term** [FALL (Aug, Sept)]
5. Under **“Select Department,”** enter the **course prefix** (for example, English – ENGL)
6. Under **“Select Course,”** enter the **course number** (for example, Freshman Composition would be 101)
7. Under **“Select Section,”** enter the **section number of the course** you are registered for (76346) and click on **“Add Course.”**
8. Your course information will appear under Step Two; click on **“View Textbook List”**
9. A list of your textbooks will be returned with the ISBN number listed. This number can be used anywhere to purchase your books.