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Tracking/Reporting Library Textbook/OER Use and Savings

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FVL/OER

Tracking and Reporting

Numbers

**Use/Savings
Calculation**

How We Get

**Libwizard
Course Tally**

Recording

Libinsight

Use

**Libguides Dashboard
Reports**

Textbook Purchases Replaced by FVL/OER at Franklin University

Term	Textbook Purchases Replaced by FVLs	Textbook Purchases Replaced by OER
Fall, 2018	489	N/A
Spring, 2019	373	N/A
Summer, 2019	580	N/A
Fall, 2019	2459	N/A
Spring, 2020	2349	N/A
Summer, 2020	1726	N/A
Fall, 2020	2612	N/A
Spring, 2021	3104	N/A
Summer, 2021	2279	145
Fall, 2021	3089	323
Spring, 2022	4593	955
Summer, 2022	3520	631
Fall, 2022	5357	1060
Spring, 2023	5260	1091
Summer, 2023	4476	757

Total Textbook Purchases Replaced:

**FVLs (FA18 – SU23):
42,266**

**OER (SU21 – SU23):
4,962**

Estimated Student Savings (\$80 National Ave.)

Term	FVL \$ Saved	OER \$ Saved
Fall, 2018	\$39,120.00	N/A
Spring, 2019	\$29,840.00	N/A
Summer, 2019	\$46,400.00	N/A
Fall, 2019	\$196,720.00	N/A
Spring, 2020	\$187,920.00	N/A
Summer, 2020	\$138,080.00	N/A
Fall, 2020	\$208,960.00	N/A
Spring, 2021	\$248,320.00	N/A
Summer, 2021	\$182,320.00	\$11,600.00
Fall, 2021	\$247,120.00	\$25,840.00
Spring, 2022	\$367,440.00	\$76,400.00
Summer, 2022	\$281,600.00	\$50,480.00
Fall, 2022	\$428,560.00	\$84,800.00
Spring, 2023	\$420,800.00	\$87,280.00
Summer, 2023	\$358,080.00	\$60,560.00



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Total Estimated Student Savings:

**FVLs (FA18 – SU23):
\$3,381,280**

**OER (SU21 – SU23):
\$396,960**

Franklin University Textbook Request/Removal Form

Requestor Information

Your Name (required)

Your Email Address (required)

Must end with: @franklin.edu

Course Information

Course Code (required)

Course Name

Lead Faculty

Book Information

Textbook Title (required)

Textbook Author(s) (required)

Publication Year (required)

Edition: (required)

ISBN(s)



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Course Tally for eBook Courses for 23/SU

ID	Open			
Subj	Waitlist Count			
Crs No	Instructor			
Sec	Faculty Email			
Title	Location			
	Book ID			
Start Time	Book Title			
End Time	Book Author			
Days	Book Publisher			
Bldg Room	Book Copyright Date			
Start Date	Book Price			
End Time	Book Comment			
Room Cap	Book ISBN			
Max Cap	Book Status			
Reg	Book Edition			

L: Library Etextbooks

Term

Number of
CoursesNumber of
SectionsNumber of
BooksStudent
Purchases
Replaced
(Book
Enrollment)
Estimated
Savings
(based on
\$80
National
Textbook
Average)

Submit

Submit & Clear





Affordable Learning @ Franklin University

Information about the affordable learning program to reduce the cost of education for Franklin University students, and affordable learning resources for faculty and instructional designers.

Franklin University's Affordable Learning Program

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Alternative Textbook Programs

Advocacy

Using / Troubleshooting Etextbooks

Affordable Learning Resources @ the Library

Library / OER Etextbook Usage Dashboard

Courses Using Library Etextbooks (Overview)

Courses Using Library Etextbooks (A-E)

Courses Using Library Etextbooks (F-H)

Courses Using Library Etextbooks (I-L)

Courses Using Library Etextbooks (M-P)

Courses Using Library Etextbooks (Q-Z)

Courses Using Library Videos

Franklin University's Affordable Learning Program

Recognizing the importance of affordability in education, in 2017 Franklin University implemented its etextbook initiative. The goal of the etextbook initiative is to provide students with online access to textbooks and to lower textbook costs.



As part of the etextbook initiative, courses may use ebooks licensed through the library, or open educational resources, which are available to students at no cost. Librarians work with faculty and course designers to identify titles which the library can purchase for use in courses, or which are available for use under an open license. Franklin University currently (fall 2021) uses 265 library etextbooks and 33 OER or other external free ebooks as textbooks in courses. You can see additional information about courses using library/OER etextbooks and student savings resulting from this use on our library/OER etextbook use dashboard.

When new textbooks are adopted for a course, the library receives notice and checks whether the new textbook can be made available to students as a free library textbook. As of Fall, 2021, 37% of courses with textbooks use either library textbooks or OER textbooks.

Alternative Textbook Programs

When courses are being created/redesigned, librarians will work with faculty and course designers to identify alternatives to textbooks which are available through the library to students at no charge. These alternatives include articles/ebooks available through library databases or open access resources.

Faculty/course designers identify areas where they need resources to replace (or take the place of) textbooks. They then consult with a member of the library's staff (either in person, by email, or through submitting the research project request form) to inform the library of these topics. Librarians then conduct research and provide their findings to the faculty / instructional designer who will review them and choose what library resources to include in the class.



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Library / OER Etextbook Use at Franklin University

data since 2018

Franklin University Student Cost Savings Due to Library / OER Etextbook Usage

Franklin University piloted using library etextbooks / OER starting with the Fall, 2018 term. Since then, usage of library etextbooks and OER have increased and students have saved significant amounts of money because they have not been required to purchase the textbook for their course. This amount is calculated using a national textbook average cost of \$80. [National Association of College Stores. (2017). Higher education retail market facts & figures. Retrieved from <https://www.nacs.org/research/HigherEdRetailMarketFactsFigures.aspx>.]

This dashboard shows historical information about library / oer etextbook usage at Franklin University. Additional information about Franklin University's affordable learning program is available on our [affordable learning guide](#).

3,381,280
TOTAL ESTIMATED
DOLLARS SAVED SINCE
FALL 2018 TERM

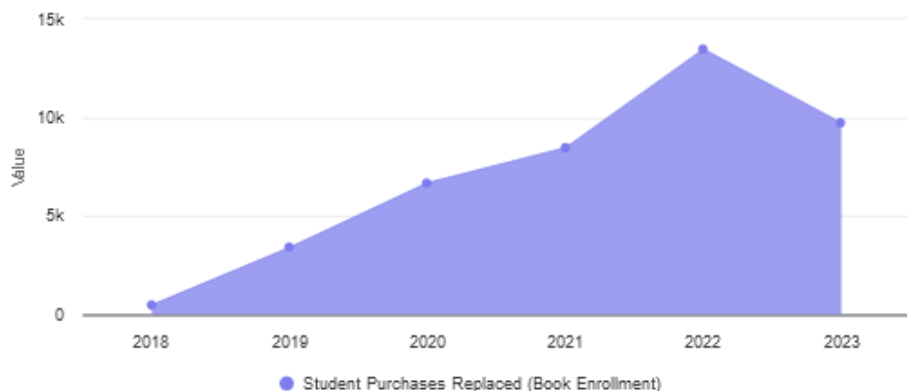
Estimated Savings for Franklin University Student Textbook Costs Each Calendar Year



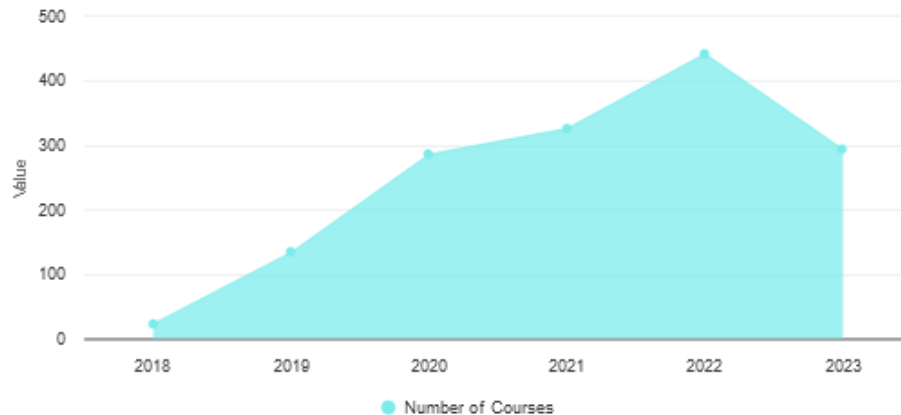
Franklin University Course / Book Information for Library and OER Etextbook Usage

42,266
TOTAL NUMBER OF TEXTBOOK PURCHASES REPLACED BY LIBRARY OR OER ETEXTBOOKS SINCE FALL 2018 TERM

Number of Books Franklin University Students Did Not Have to Purchase Due to Use of Library / OER Etextbooks



Number of Franklin University Courses Using Library or OER Etextbooks



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FAST FACTS



\$3M+

Based on the national average, students have saved over an estimated \$3 million on textbooks since the library and OER textbook program began in Fall 2018.



42k+

As of Spring 2023, 42,266 textbook purchases were replaced by library or OER textbooks since the program began in 2018.