



BOOKSTORE

FACULTY RENTAL: Frequently Asked Questions

What do I need to do to sign up?

You will need to note on your requisition that you are interested in making the title available to students for rental. The bookstore will determine if the title is Rental Friendly and able to be added to the rental program.

How much do students save by renting?

The Bookstore has over 5,000 books available to rent. Titles are available at up to 60% of the retail price.

What is a "Rental Friendly Book"?

A book is deemed "Rental Friendly" if it can be used for four consecutive semesters, and it does not contain access codes, CDs, or other consumable items. Additionally, the bookstore must confirm that the books will be available from the publisher for the lifetime of the adoption.

What books are eligible for rental?

Almost any book can be eligible for rental. The titles best suited for the program are those that meet the Rental Friendly criteria. If you would like to make your title available and you are sure it does not contain any consumable media required for the course, let us know in your requisition and the bookstore will review the title for eligibility.

What happens if the student wants to keep a book?

If a student later chooses to purchase a textbook they rented, they will be charged the REPLACEMENT FEE shown on their receipt. Renting a textbook they later decide to purchase will increase the total cost for the book by 15% over the retail price.

I want all my students to purchase their book. Will rentals keep my students from being able to purchase a book?

No. The rental program will work alongside standard sale of books. Students will still have the option to rent or purchase their book as is required by the course and/or their personal preference.

My book contains access codes. Can the book still be rented?

The title may still be eligible for rental as long as the access codes are not REQUIRED for the course. If the only item needed is the text itself, it may still be possible to rent the title. Request the title to be added to the rental program and specify that access codes/CDs are not required for the course.

How long will the student be able to keep the book?

The rental return date is the day after the last day of finals as stated in the class schedule. Rental textbooks must be returned to the West Los Angeles College Bookstore, 9000 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230 on or before the rental return date printed on the student's receipt. The rental return date for Spring 2011 is June 7, 2011.

What if the student doesn't return the book? What will be the consequences?

There are two fees associated with textbook rentals. A REPLACEMENT FEE is the difference between retail price and rental price plus 15% of the full retail price of the book. If a rental textbook is lost, stolen or the student decides to purchase a textbook they rented, they will be charged the REPLACEMENT FEE. A LATE FEE is 20% of the rental price. Late fees are charged on all rental textbooks returned after the rental return date shown on the student's receipt.

What if I adopt a book for rental & change my mind about using it?

We ask that you consider your options closely before asking to make a book a part of the rental program. If you are unsure if rentals are right for your course, speak to the bookstore about the decision; we will be happy to help you make an informed decision.