



Gustavus Equitable Access Course Material Subscription

Since the fall of 2022, Gusties can accurately plan and budget for course materials. Regardless of your major; tuition, fees, and health insurance have been the same rate for all students; that has not been the case for course materials. We have removed the hurdle of inequity for course materials by implementing a per-credit fee for course materials (including listed required supplies, listed art kits, lab manuals, digital access codes, and course packs).

Flat fee per credit - no matter the major

How does it work? Each student will be billed based on the number of credits they are enrolled in. The academic year 2023-2024 fee is \$83 per credit, prorated for partial credit classes. The average Gustie takes 4 credits each semester.

When will I be billed? Your equitable access subscription fee will be reflected on your October statement from Gustavus. If you make changes to your credit hours after that, order any optional books after that, or do not return your rentals at the end of the term, those charges and/or credits will appear on future statements.

I receive financial aid, how does that work? If you plan to use your financial aid package to pay for your course materials, you simply need to do nothing. The charges will automatically be sent to your Gustavus account at the beginning of September and applied to any open aid you have available.

What if I only want print or digital materials? Simply log into your account to set up your preferences. Books will automatically be a mix of print and digital depending on what is available and the professor's request. If you want a print upgrade, it is available for a fee upon request.

Can I opt out of the Slingshot program? If you don't want to participate in Slingshot and would rather source materials on your own, refer to your Gustavus email (8/1, 12/1, 1/1) with the link to the Google form to opt out. The opt-out window for each semester is J-Term: December 1 – December 15, Spring: January 1 – January 15, Fall: August 1 – August 15. Opted-out students can still order books under the "Buy Books" tab of this website. If the opt-out deadline is missed, opt-outs will be considered on an individual basis and may not be approved without a valid academic reason.

I opted out, and now I have changed my mind, can I re-enroll? You can opt back in by logging into your Slingshot account and updating your status. Once processed, you will have access to your digital materials in your student portal and print materials will be shipped. Your student account will be billed.

What if I drop a class at the start of the term and take a new course? Good news for you. Once the class changes in MyGustavus, it will feed into our course materials system. If your unneeded book is a print copy, you just return it to The Book Mark within 7 days to avoid penalties. You will receive an update when your new material arrives. If the material you no longer need is digital, it will automatically return and the new one will appear in your online account.

My professor has optional materials listed, how do I purchase those? You can choose not to get the optional materials, buy the optional items through the Slingshot website, or shop at other retailers. Optional titles are those not required to pass a class.

Who do I contact with questions? We want to make your course material experience the best it can possibly be. For more assistance, contact the Book Mark - bookmark@gustavus.edu.