

2022 Student Textbook and Instructional Materials Survey

You are being asked to voluntarily participate in a research study. The 2022 Student Textbook and Instructional Materials Survey provides a voice for you, the student, to share information about the cost of your textbooks and instructional materials, your preferences for purchasing and interacting with them, and the impact that textbook costs is having on your education. This online questionnaire is a follow-up to the 2018 Student Textbook Survey.

If you choose to participate, you will be asked to complete the survey which should take you 10 minutes or less to complete.

The results of this survey will provide Florida Virtual Campus, education leaders, and policy makers an understanding of Florida's higher education student perceptions of the impact of textbook costs on their academic decisions and academic progress.

To participate in the survey, you must be age 18 or older.

You will not be paid to take part in this study. However, your input will contribute to the body of knowledge on student textbook and instructional material costs and their impacts.

Please answer each question. We will not record your name or any information that shows your identity. You will not be signing this form. Your answers will be anonymous and aggregated together for analysis and cannot be linked to you. All data will be stored in a password protected electronic format. The results of the study will be used for scholarly purposes only.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. John Opper at jopper@flvc.org.

If you have any questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant, or questions regarding the study and would like to talk to someone other than the researcher(s), you are encouraged to contact the FSU Office for Human Subjects Protection (OHSP) at (850) 644-7900, by email at humansubjects@fsu.edu, or by mail at 2010 Levy Avenue, Research Foundation Building B, Suite 276, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2742.

Please indicate below that you agree to participate in this survey.

Do you agree to participate?

☐ I consent to participate in this study.

Please note, questions marked with an asterisk * require a response.

*1) Select your institution from the drop-down menu

▼ Broward College ... Valencia College

*2) Which degree are you seeking?

Students will have options ranging from Non-Degree seeking through Doctorate

*3) What is your area of study? (Select all that apply)

Students will be able to select from a large list of study areas and can also enter additional specialty fields if they are not listed.

*4) Course Load

	How many courses did you take?	How many of the courses required you to purchase textbooks or instructional material?
Fall 2021		
Spring 2022		

*5) How much did your textbooks cost for the term?

Fall 2021	
Spring 2022	

*6) Excluding textbooks, how much did you spend on required instructional materials for the term (handbooks, guides, course packets, and other print or digital learning materials)?

Fall 2021	
Spring 2022	

*7) What percentage of your textbook costs is covered by financial aid for the term?

Fall 2021	
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*8) In your academic career, what measures have you taken to reduce your required textbook costs? Check all that apply.

Students will select all that apply from a list of steps such as buying used books and renting digital textbooks among others.

*9) Where do you acquire **most** of your textbooks?

*10) Of all the textbooks you have been required to purchase in your academic career, approximately how many were **NOT** used during your classes?

*11) In your academic career, has the cost of required textbooks caused you to:

Students will be asked to rate how often they have taken such measures as dropping a course or not registering for a specific course, among others.

*12) Would you rent one or more of your required textbooks if it saved you money?

*13) Have you participated in a fee-based program (one that charged your student account for textbooks or digital course materials) at your college or university?

*13b) If yes, do you believe the fee-based program reduced your textbook costs overall?

Please explain:

*13b) If you opted not to participate in such a fee-based program, why not?

*14) From the types of study aids listed below, select the top three digital study aids you find to be most useful to support your learning:

Students will select all that apply from a list of study aids such as flash cards and videos, among others.

*15) In addition to having digital access, is having the option to purchase a low-cost paper copy of your textbooks important to you?

*16) Of the number of courses that you took in the Fall and Spring, how many used textbook(s) or other instructional materials (sometimes called open educational resources, or OERs) were provided for you at no cost?

17) Optional:

If you would like to share a personal story about the impact of the costs of textbooks and instructional materials is having on you, please do so below.
