

MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

The Bookstore

The mission of the Mayville State University Bookstore is to support the academic mission of the university by providing all necessary course materials, supplies, services and other related products to the university community.

In our effort to have as many choices available to our students, your course adoption is the first and most important piece. Decisions for buyback and ordering cannot be made until we have your adoption. The bookstore would prefer to receive the form you are sent, but will accept an email adoption as well. Your adoption form will include the history for the previous corresponding term, so fall will have the previous fall history; spring will only have previous spring history etc. Verify the textbook information, making changes as needed. Be sure to also include any special supplies or items the students need for your class. Include the estimated enrollment number as you know the prerequisites for your courses and have better information than the bookstore.

Research within the college bookstore industry and the publishing world shows that students are increasingly resistant to purchasing adopted course material. They are also waiting as long as possible to make the purchase to see if they “really need it”.

What can you do to better prepare and engage your students?

As their faculty member, you influence their perception of the materials you have chosen. Course materials can be very expensive. When you feel the book is important enough to adopt, please use it. We tell the students the books are an investment in their future and they should use them wisely. We also tell them as a **REQUIRED** text, the instructor has indicated you will be using this text and will be tested on the content. Please only request items that you fully intend to use in your class and distinguish if they are “required”, “recommended” or “optional” materials. If you plan to use the book sparingly and don’t mind if students share a book, indicate when you order the text. Our students don’t complain about the costs when they have really used the book and they see the value. It’s very sad at buyback or rental return, when students say, we never needed the book, never opened it etc. They get upset with the bookstore and then avoid getting materials for the next term.

Publishing companies are making it quite challenging for our students to get a print copy of the book. Our students still choose a print copy over an electronic/digital book if given the choice; **UNLESS** the digital is free. Most publishers offer electronic access to the book for a limited amount of time, so they are really just renting for the term. If you are choosing OER materials, please give us information if possible so we can provide print copies to those students who want. Some OER materials can be downloaded and are always available, while many only provide access to a company website, so internet is required. We offer rentals and use a number of older editions to keep the expenses as reasonable as possible. We also realize students use many other options for obtaining books. If the bookstore runs out of the book, we will provide the student with reading material, but they must be purchasing or renting the book from campus. If they have ordered online, we do not provide that service.

It takes working together to ensure that the right course materials arrive in time for classes; early communication is vital. Notify us when changes occur for your classes, for example; dropped sections, enrollment limits are raised or you are no longer the instructor. Distance learning students can begin to order course material approximately a month prior to the beginning of class. You can verify your course materials on our website www.mayvillestatebookstore.com.

Academic regalia can be rented or purchased through the Bookstore. Delivery is typically six to seven weeks, so should be ordered by March 1. The Bookstore also has office supplies, snacks, MSU clothing and gifts items and other convenience items.