

Textbook Options

Office of Student Success and Retention

Should I buy new or used books? Students should weigh the pros and cons of both new and used books.

NEW BOOKS

- PRO- book excellent (no writing/highlighting)
- CON- expense



USED BOOKS

- PRO- less expensive than new books
- CON- books may be highlighted or written in

Where can I get books? Beginning fall 2010 students can rent textbooks from the Canisius College bookstore! Contact the bookstore for more information: 716-888-2335 or www.canisius.edu/bookstore

COLLEGE BOOKSTORE

www.canisius.edu/bookstore

- PRO- convenient location
- PRO- get books right way (if in stock)
- PRO- staff knows exactly which books your courses require
- CON- higher prices
- CON- may be out of used books

RENT

www.canisius.edu/bookstore

- PRO- less expensive than buying
- PRO- no resale involved
- PRO- environmentally friendly
- CON- books are not always available
- CON- book may be due back before you are done with it.

ONLINE

- PRO- Convenience
- PRO- Cost
- CON- order mistakes
- CON- you may have not receive your order
- CON- waiting for delivery
- CON- shipping costs

When should I get my books? You should plan to order books two weeks prior to the first day of class. The college bookstore allows you to order and pay for your books online at www.canisius.edu/bookstore. They will be ready for pick up at the bookstore prior to the first day of classes. If you decide to buy online or rent be sure to allow enough time for delivery. Waiting until you attend the first class to order books online can put you at a disadvantage because it can take a week or more in some cases for books to arrive. You do not want to risk getting behind in your courses while you wait.

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