

FIU Panther Book Pack (PBP)

\$20 or less for the rental of required course materials per undergraduate credit

- PBP is an FIU Barnes & Noble **subscription-based rental** program for **required** course materials (print and digital) in **undergraduate** courses.
- Students are **automatically enrolled** in the PBP at the time of registration with the **option to opt out** each session.
- PBP is focused on offering the **lowest cost possible** and **equitable access** to course materials for student success. The negotiated rate at \$20/credit hour is not available anywhere else!
- **Some exclusions apply**, such as non-reusable items (i.e. goggles, dissection kits) and non-traditional course materials.

For our students' success:

\$60 or less for required course materials in 3-credit undergraduate courses with the Panther Book Pack rental program



Panther Book Pack takes advantage of **economies of scale**:

Faculty adoptions of **6,367 required, 866 recommended** and **627 bundle course materials** (Fall 2020) are purchased by our **nearly 50,000 undergraduate students**.

That **volume** and our faculty's **low-cost textbook selections** are the basis for the **negotiated institutional subscription rate** between **FIU, Barnes & Noble** as well as **major publishers**.

What Students Need to Know

1. Students are automatically enrolled in the PBP and the \$20 per undergraduate credit will be applied to their FIU student account along with tuition and fees.
2. Students will receive an email from B&N 30 days prior to the first day of class to review and select a fulfillment method for receipt of their materials prior to the first day of class.
3. The PBP is ALL IN or ALL OUT each session. Students CANNOT opt out by class. They are responsible to sum up the cost of all required materials for the session and compare it to PBP to determine the most cost-effective option.
4. Opt-out and re-opt-in possible until three days after the add/drop deadline (**Fall 2021: Sept. 3**).
5. More info at: <http://bookpack.fiu.edu>

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What Faculty/Staff Need to Know

1. PBP does not change your selection of course materials (you retain full academic freedom). Timely adoptions in [AIP](#) are still required.
2. Low- and no-cost adoptions help keep the per credit hour flat rate low.
3. Not sure if your non-traditional course material will be included in the PBP? Reach out to the program leaders named below.
4. Older editions/out of print items cannot be guaranteed in great volumes. Faculty are encouraged to adopt current editions.
5. [Affordability Counts](#) a new way! With PBP, all undergrad course sections earn the A.C. badge.
6. Help students understand how to get the most out of the PBP. Suggested syllabus language and more info at: <http://go.fiu.edu/affordabilitypack>

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Help us! For this initiative to succeed, get your Fall 2021 adoptions in now!