

BOOKSTORE FAQS

How do I place my textbook orders?

Orders for course materials can be placed at tbooks@lakeheadu.ca , dropped off in the bookstore, or submitted through interoffice mail. Please be advised that interoffice mail is now only delivered to the bookstore on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

When do textbook orders need to be submitted?

To ensure that textbooks and other course-related materials are on our shelves for the first day of classes, we ask that orders be submitted in a timely fashion. To that end, please see below for our recommended deadlines.

Spring: March 1st

Summer: April 1st

Fall: July 1st

Winter: October 1st

Why do textbook orders need to be submitted so early?

The bookstore is committed to ensuring your textbooks and other course-related materials are on our shelves for the first day of classes. To that end, there are a number of reasons why we are asking for book orders to be submitted to us by the above deadlines.

For one, early adoptions allow us to purchase used books from students during our scheduled buyback sessions, which run on Wednesday throughout the academic year. These textbooks can later be re-sold at significant cost savings to other students.

Additionally, early adoptions give us the time to source multiple vendors so that we can get the best possible pricing for your students. Increasingly, we are running the majority of our orders through our used book wholesalers first, before attempting to source them from our regular publishing partners. This means an order for 50 copies of 1 title, for example, can come from four or more different suppliers. Re-working our lists with our wholesalers in this manner can take days, even weeks – but it does allow us to provide a larger selection of used books at a fraction of their original retail price.

Submitting your orders ahead of time benefits us in a variety of other ways. It gives us leeway in case your selected title is not available; allows the Textbook Supervisor and her team to adequately research the multitude of options available (e-books, access codes, in-store and online rental, used books, course packs, lab manuals); and it allows us to factor in shipping times, which can vary widely based upon a textbook's country of origin. Upcoming editions, out of print status, and print on demand titles can also significantly impact arrival times.

Which forms should I use?



There is a fillable PDF Course Materials Order form for faculty to use, which is sent out every year as a link through the mass e-mail function by our Textbook Supervisor. It is also available for download from the Faculty folder located on the bookstore's website: <http://bookstore.lakeheadu.ca/faculty>

Before submission, please check that the following is complete and correct on your order form, as this information is used on our book lists and shelf tags:

Course number

Section number

Estimated enrolment (if this changes after submission, please let us know)

Instructor name

Title, Author, Publisher, ISBN, Edition

Status (Required, Suggested)

Access Code (Required)

Digital Learning Materials

The bookstore is guided by MTCU guidelines when it comes to the charging of fees for digital learning materials for assessment purposes. Please note that the total cost of digital materials for assessment purposes for a half-credit course should not exceed \$60, and that students must have the option to purchase the assessment portions separately from the textbook, if so desired. Further questions on this should be addressed to the bookstore's Textbook Supervisor, Paula Torma, at tbooks@lakeheadu.ca

How many copies will you order?

Sell-through on course materials is statistically low and is rarely ever equal to the number of students enrolled in a course. It is also an extremely costly and labour intensive process for us to return surplus inventory to a publisher. Our Textbook Supervisor will work closely with you to determine the optimal number of copies to carry, based on estimated enrollment, status (i.e., whether it is "required," or "suggested,"), cost, geographical location of the publisher, return availability, and the previous sales history of that title.

From whom do you purchase your used books?

We buy back books from students at scheduled times throughout the year. We also source used books from various vendors across North America. In the last few years, we have established relationships with two additional used book wholesalers, which have enabled us to significantly increase the number of used books we have on our shelves at the start of term for students.

How long will it take my textbooks to arrive?

As a general rule of thumb, North American produced books that are in-stock at the time



of order normally take 1-2 weeks to arrive. Imported titles, however, and used books can take upwards of 6-8 weeks.

What is the process for ordering course packs or professor-produced materials?

Please note, effective immediately, that there is a new process for ordering course packs. As per the [Communication Bulletin of June 3rd, 2016](#), the university's current agreement with Access Copyright was not renewed at the end of August 2016. As part of this change, there now exists the additional option of offering course packs and lab manuals to students online through D2L.

Questions regarding setting up an online course site should be sent to mycourselink@lakeheadu.ca

Faculty members wishing to order course packs should begin by filling out the new [Course Resources Request Form for Instructors](#) available from the library. The form will provide instructors with the option to have their course packs offered online or, if desired, for sale in the bookstore in the traditional printed format. However, please note that the bookstore will only produce a small amount of printed copies for sale in situations where the students now have the ability to access their course-packs online.

Questions regarding the new [Course Resources Request Form for Instructors](#) should be addressed to reserves@lakeheadu.ca

Questions regarding the clearance process should be addressed to your [Liaison Librarians](#).

Do I still need to track/log copyrighted materials intended for use in a course pack?

Since we did not renew our agreement with Access Copyright, there is no longer any need to complete the AUCC Model License Logging Tool as in previous years. The new [Course Resources Request Form for Instructors](#) will now serve as the go-to document for logging all bibliographic information when requesting course packs. Faculty members wishing to place an order for a course pack – regardless of the manner of its dissemination – will be required to fill this form out in full (including citations), and to return it to the library for clearance.

What happens when my request for a printed course pack has been cleared?

As soon as the course pack has been cleared, faculty members will receive an e-mail notification from the library's copyright clearance team. Once this has been issued, faculty members may bring their hard copies to the bookstore for processing. Again, please bear in mind that course packs being simultaneously offered online to students will affect the number of printed copies produced for sale in the bookstore.

Please also note that due to increasing workloads, the print shop may no longer be able to accommodate instructors' course pack requests in a timely manner. If the bookstore



does not receive copyright clearance from the library at least two months before the start of classes, we cannot guarantee that the printed course packs will be ready for the start of the semester. This is especially true in December, when the print shop is busy with examinations, and has to contend with fewer production hours due to the annual university holiday shutdown.

It is imperative, therefore, that instructors begin the course pack clearance process as early as possible, to allow each of the university teams (library, bookstore, print shop) the time required to complete their piece of the operation.

Will lab manuals be handled differently?

Due to the specialized nature of some lab manuals, faculty may wish to continue the practice of offering them for sale only through the bookstore. Questions regarding this should be addressed to our Textbook Supervisor, Paula Torma, at extension 8335, or by e-mail at tbooks@lakeheadu.ca. Again, please note that due to increasing workloads, the print shop may not be able to accommodate course pack requests in a timely manner. If the bookstore does not receive the hard copy of a lab manual at least two months before the start of classes, we cannot guarantee that the print shop will have it ready for the start of the semester. We highly recommend that the instructor begin the course pack process as early as possible, in order to avoid any seasonal delays.

How will reprints of course packs be handled under this new process?

To alleviate pressure on the print shop, reprints of course packs will be continue to be coordinated through the bookstore. Since students will now have the ability to access their course packs online, reprints will no longer be offered on a 24-hour turnaround basis. Instead, our Textbook Supervisor will monitor the level of demand by course pack, and place orders as required (once or twice a week).

Who is responsible for keeping hard copies of the documents used to make up my course pack?

If you intend to reuse any course materials in a future semester, please ensure that you keep the hard copies, as you will be required to re-submit the Course Resources Request Form in order to obtain clearance. The bookstore and the print shop will no longer be keeping copies of course packs in any format.

Who should I contact if I have questions about copyright?

Questions regarding copyright should be directed to your [Liaison Librarians](#). They will ensure that the required licenses or permissions are acquired for any copyright-protected materials. For further information on this change, as well as additional information regarding print and digital copying guidelines, please review this link:

<http://libguides.lakeheadu.ca/copyright>

Do my orders have to be signed by the chair?



As of 2015, it is no longer a bookstore requirement that the chair co-sign orders for course material orders. However, please check with your administrative assistants or chairs first before submitting your order, as many departments have their own set of rules regarding the ordering of course materials. Please note that any changes made to an order after the book has been shipped may result in chargebacks to your department.

How can I check that my textbooks are in?

We review all our orders before the start of the academic season and will do our best to advise you well in advance if there are any issues with your selected titles. However, we strongly advise that you check in person or through our website to see if your books have arrived. You can also check whether your books are on hand by using the Books link available through the course timetables. Booklists (and the link) are available approximately 60 days in advance of the start of the semester.

How long will my books stay on the shelf?

In order to free up shelf space for upcoming semesters, we need to return unsold books to publishers. The returns process takes approximately four weeks to complete and usually begins mid-November (for the fall term) and mid-February for the winter term. Spring and summer books will be returned by the end of August. Newly imposed restrictions from used book wholesalers may mean even earlier returns, so if you want us to keep a book on a shelf because it will continue to be used in the following semester, please let us know as soon as possible.

What if I have just been hired and the deadlines have passed for submission?

We understand that there are always exceptions to every situation. Please let us know as soon as you can and we will work with you to get your books on our shelves as quickly as possible.

What do I do if I want to order a desk or examination copy?

Unfortunately, most publishers do not allow bookstores to order desk or exam copies for faculty. Please refer to your department's administrative assistant for further information on how to get desk and examination copies, or see the [Publisher Contacts List](#) in the Faculty folder of our website.