TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

Temple College has a standardized textbook adoption policy for the benefit of our students. The purpose of this policy is to address excessive book costs, issues with dual credit students and high schools, students changing course sections after purchasing books, and students continuing into the second semester of courses which utilized the same textbook.

Departments will adopt a standardized textbook for all sections of a course. Online courses may require a different text if it is determined that a textbook is better adapted to online teaching. In that case all sections of the same online course will utilize the same textbook. Faculty will determine the textbook to be selected by vote. In the case of a tie, the department chair will make the decision. If a course is only taught by a part-time faculty member, then the department chair will be responsible for selecting the textbook. Determining factors should include book quality, price, ancillary materials, student support, and availability. Textbooks will normally be adopted for a minimum of four long semesters (2 years). Other considerations may include how often a publisher releases a new edition, etc. In special circumstances exceptions to this policy can be made with approval from the department chair and the division director.

The Temple College Bookstore's primary location is in the Arnold Student Union on the Main Campus and is operated either by the College or by a contractor approved by the Board of Trustees. Textbook adoption requests for all classes at the College are required to be submitted to the Bookstore on a schedule established by the Bookstore manager. Copies of the adoption lists will be provided to competitive bookstores in a timely manner. A reasonable fee will be charged for this service. The fee will be approved by the College.