

# Textbook price disparity

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Textbooks: a dreaded but necessary part of college — which itself is already viewed by many as similarly dreaded but necessary. Textbooks have long been a sore spot for students, adding to an exorbitantly expensive undertaking. The cherry on top of a sundae whose only other ingredients seem to be debt, homework, sleep deprivation and maybe a little more debt.

It's not exactly breaking news to report that education is expensive in the U.S. Some 44 million students are saddled with over \$1.5 trillion in debt, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Moreover, 69 percent of students graduating from public universities in 2018 took out student loans, with an average debt of \$29,800. According to one NBC review of Bureau of Labor Statistics data, textbook

prices have soared over three times the rate of inflation, with an over 1,000 percent increase in price since 1977.

Clearly, saving even a little on textbooks can mean a lot for the average student.

With that in mind, The Clackamas Print has compiled a sample list of textbook prices at the bookstore here on Clackamas Community College's Oregon City campus and compared them to prices for the same books on Amazon.

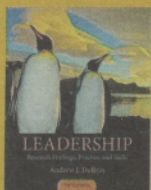
This list is by no means all-encompassing but is meant as an example to highlight some of the more glaring differences in price and to aid students in finding ways to save money on books. Additionally, Amazon is obviously not the only option for textbooks but is the most prominent retailer that most consistently won in the price category.

## BOOKSTORE OR AMAZON, WHAT YOU COULD SAVE

\*PRICES ROUNDED TO NEAREST DOLLAR



\$115 - \$68 = \$47  
CCC Bookstore Amazon Savings



\$132 - \$17 = \$115  
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\$63 - \$25 = \$38  
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