Policy - Textbook Policy

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As a general policy, the University Library does not select textbooks for Georgia State University classes. It is impossible for the University Library to meet student demand for textbooks at Georgia State University given our limited financial resources for library materials, staffing costs, and the high rate (often yearly) of textbook revisions. The University Library also views the purchase of textbooks as part of the student’s expected cost of pursuing a degree in higher education, whereas the library collection is intended to provide research materials and other resources which supplement the learning experience taking place in the classroom.

Although space is limited, where appropriate, we encourage professors to contribute one complimentary copy of a textbook from textbook publishers to our library reserves desk so that all students in the class may benefit from access to these resources.