



## 6 WAYS TO SAVE ON YOUR COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS

Purchasing every textbook you need for class can take a big bite out of your budget. We're talking huge amounts here: According to the National Association of College Stores, the average college student spends upward of \$80 on each new textbook and can sometimes drop as much as \$175 on one volume.

No worries though; you can get your hands on all the books you need for class while also keeping your budget intact!

### 1. Skip the college bookstore

If you're looking for an overpriced place to pick up your textbooks, be sure to hit the on-campus bookstore. Otherwise, stay as far away as possible. You'll be paying through the nose just for the convenience of getting your books on campus.

### 2. Shop for used books online

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### **3. Rent**

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### **6. Hit the library**

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