

The Facts

According to a recent survey*:

71%
of students
have **had**
to ask their
parents to
help pay for
textbooks

41%
of students
have **skipped a**
meal to afford
textbooks



31%
of students **take**
fewer classes
because of
textbook prices

*Cengage. New survey: college students consider buying course materials a top source of financial stress. [Press release] (2018), [https://news.cengage.com/corporate/new-survey-college-students-consider-buying-course-materials-a-top-source-of-financial-stress/]



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FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM

Make it count. Find affordable resources.



What is it?

Reducing Costs.

Affordability Counts was established by FIU Online as a direct response to the increasing costs of textbooks in higher education. The program recognizes faculty who have taken steps to change their courses in an effort to advance affordability. We are now expanding Affordability Counts to include other Florida state colleges and universities.

How does it work?

- 1.** Faculty take steps to convert a current course into an affordable course by implementing low-cost materials. Materials can be sources from already listed medallion-awarded courses.
- 2.** Faculty submits a course with materials costing students no more than \$20 in total out-of-pocket expenses per credit.
- 3.** A committee reviews the course and confirms the target price. If the course passes, faculty receives an 'Affordability Counts' medallion to display on their courses and are added to the low-cost course listing on our website.

Why commit?



To support affordable courses across Florida.

As textbook prices skyrocket, students experience heavier debt burdens. It's time for educators to help advance affordable, quality courses across Florida universities and colleges. By committing to Affordability Counts, a resource where faculty statewide can share low-cost solutions, you can make a real difference.

