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# Selecting Affordable Course Materials: Considerations For Faculty

## **Abstract**

Infographic for faculty illustrating the range of course material options offered by the library and the bookstore at Gettysburg College. Includes information on how assigning each option, from open educational resources to the current edition of commercial textbooks, impacts affordability for students.

## **Keywords**

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## Open Resources

- Customizable - remove chapters and add new content
- Remixable - combine chapters from multiple textbooks into one
- Add student-generated content
- Free for students

## Library-licensed

- Authorized online access
- Ebooks, journals, streaming media
- Free for students

## Library-owned

- Can be placed on reserve
- Your course readings and materials may overlap with the library's collection
- Free for students

## Older Editions

- Often only minor differences from current version
- Bookstore can order copies depending on availability
- May be cheaper for students
- Little or no resale value

## Rentals

- Print and ebooks available
- Often ideal for non-majors
- Usually cheaper than buying

## Current Edition

- Up-to-date content
- Highest resale value
- Usually rentable versions
- Used copies may be available

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