

FAQs

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Q How much will I save by renting instead of purchasing a textbook at Barnes & Noble at UNC Charlotte?

A You can save 55% off the new book price. Keep in mind that many purchased (i.e. non-rental) titles – including used books sold at 25% off the new book price – may be sold back at the end of the semester for up to 55% of the original price, so the savings depends on the individual title. (For an explanation of the pros and cons of both buying and renting textbooks, see <http://aux.uncc.edu/docs/bookstore-Buy-or-Rent.pdf>)

Q What happens if I don't return a rented book on time, or if it's lost or stolen?

A You are responsible for returning the book by the deadline specified in your agreement. If the book is lost, stolen or not returned on time, there is a charge in addition to the original rental fee, equal to 75% of the new book price, plus a 7.5% processing fee.

Q When are books due back?

A The rental period is for the duration of a semester. Books are due back no later than 10 days after the last day of finals. You can return books in person or mail them to the bookstore.

Q What if I rent a title, then later decide to purchase it?

A You may convert your rental to a purchase but **only during the first two weeks of classes.**

Q What if I drop the class I've rented the book for?

A The return policy for drop/add is the same as for a purchased book: you have until the end of the drop period to return the book, with a drop slip and receipt.

Q May I highlight a rented textbook?

A Yes, you may highlight or mark in a rented book in the same way as if you'd purchased the book with plans of selling it back to the bookstore at the end of the semester. In other words, reasonable highlights and marking are acceptable as long as the book remains in salable condition.

Q What are the payment options for book rental?

A Cash, check, credit card, debit card, 49er Account, or Barnes & Noble gift cards. However, a valid credit card with an expiration date later the rental return due date must also be provided to complete the rental agreement.

Q How are titles selected to become part of UNC Charlotte's rental program?

A Rental title selection is based on several criteria:

- Rental titles are identified by Barnes & Noble if they have a high national potential for resale.
- A title that does not have a high national potential for resale may still be included in the program if a UNC Charlotte instructor commits to using it for at least 4 consecutive semesters.
- Books in the program must be stand-alone (i.e., not packaged with software, access codes, or other items).
- "Consumable" books (containing loose or perforated pages) are not eligible for the program.

Q Why is the campus bookstore offering textbook rental?

A Because students asked for it and because the University, together with our bookstore partners, Barnes & Noble College Bookstores, are committed to actively pursuing ways to make textbooks more affordable.

<http://uncc.bncollege.com>