



FIT Library Textbook Purchasing Policy:

As a general policy, the FIT Library **does not** purchase textbooks for the collection. Exceptions may be made on a case by case basis if the materials support long term research or cover new, emerging research areas.

Support for FIT Library's Textbook Policy:

- Any attempt by the library to purchase all textbooks would quickly consume a significant portion of the annual materials budget.
- Libraries generally only purchase one or a limited number of copies of any given title. The library could not purchase enough copies for the work to be available to all students.
- Textbooks are updated frequently, often annually or biennially. It would be a strain on library collection budgets to constantly purchase new editions.
- Textbooks are designed to be used by students for courses of study. Students refer to them often and need them throughout a course. They need them longer than the loan period for most library materials.

Textbook Definition: "An edition of a book specifically intended for use of students who are enrolled in a course of study or preparing for an examination on a subject or in an academic discipline ... sometimes published in conjunction with a workbook, lab manual, and/or teacher's manual." *ODLIS —Online Dictionary for Library and Information Science* by Joan M. Reitz, Libraries Unlimited

Faculty or their Departments may elect to donate textbooks to the library, where they can be placed on course reserves at the circulation desk. Items may also be temporarily placed on course reserve for the semester and returned after the course ends.