

Activity: assessing the financial impact of OER

Ashley is a first-year student. They are taking 4 general introductory units, each with a set textbook chosen by the unit coordinator. Use the provided examples or source your own from your institution. Then, using Amazon/Booktopia, work out the cost for a new book for each course. How about a used book? What would the total costs be?

Name of Course	Textbook Chosen	Cost of New Textbook	Cost of Used Textbook
COMM1101: Introduction to Public Speaking	Grellier, J., Goerke, V., & Fielding, K. (2021). <i>Communications Toolkit</i> (5th ed.). Cengage Learning. ISBN: 9780170452052		
HIST1001: Making Australian History	Twomey, M., & Peel, C. (2017). <i>A History of Australia</i> . Bloomsbury. ISBN: 9781137605498		
BIOL1501: Plant and Animal Biology	Mason, K. A., Losos, J. B., Duncan, T., Raven, P. H., Johnson, G. B. (2020). <i>Biology</i> (12th ed.). McGraw-Hill Education. ISBN: 9781260169614		
STAT1003: Introduction to Statistics	De Veaux, R., Velleman, P., & Bock, D. (2021). <i>Stats: Data and Models, Global Edition</i> (5th ed.). Pearson Education Limited. ISBN: 9781292362212.		
Total Costs			

So what did you come up with? The cost of textbooks for a first-year student can be astronomical!

Now try this: Multiply the cost of the new textbooks by the number of students in the unit to see the total savings to be made by transition to an OER.

Name of Course	Textbook Chosen	Cost of New Textbook	Number of students in the unit	Savings
COMM1101: Introduction to Public Speaking	Grellier, J., Goerke, V., & Fielding, K. (2021). <i>Communications Toolkit</i> (5th ed.). Cengage Learning. ISBN: 9780170452052		400	

HIST1001: Making Australian History	Twomey, M., & Peel, C. (2017). <i>A History of Australia</i> . Bloomsbury. ISBN: 9781137605498		250	
BIOL1501: Plan and Animal Biology	Mason, K. A., Losos, J. B., Duncan, T., Raven, P. H., Johnson, G. B. (2020). <i>Biology</i> (12th ed.). McGraw-Hill Education. ISBN: 9781260169614		300	
STAT1003: Introduction to Statistics	De Veaux, R., Velleman, P., & Bock, D. (2021). <i>Stats: Data and Models, Global Edition</i> (5th ed.). Pearson Education Limited. ISBN: 9781292362212.		500	
Total Costs and savings				

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