

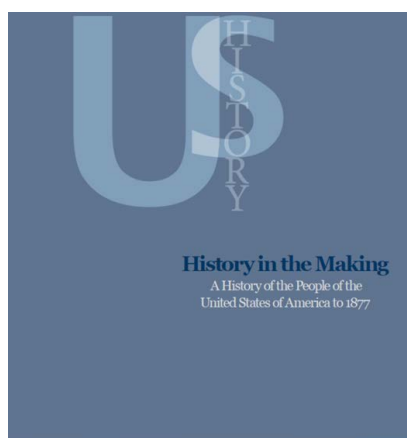
of TurnItIn's Plagiarism Detection feature available from the Dropbox for assignment submissions. While some faculty used the traditional process of using the TurnItIn.com site, several utilized the integrated feature within the LMS to view originality reports. In such cases students were able to stay inside the online course environment to retrieve feedback and more efficiently track their submissions.

Technology Usage for Students (TurnItIn)

There were 1,490 TurnItIn submissions from approximately 493 eCore students in FY 2013. There were 1,484 originality reports generated and accessed for faculty analysis of plagiarism and proper use of citation. The reports can also be viewed by the students and used as a learning tool to improve their writing.

Authoring and Publication of a U.S. History Open Textbook

eCore collaborated with the University System of Georgia Office of Faculty Affairs and the University Press of North Georgia to officially publish the open textbook, *History in the Making: A History of the People of the United States of America to 1877*. In April 2013, USG eCore faculty Cathy Locks, Dr. Sarah Mergel, Dr. Pamela Roseman, and Dr. Tamara Spike authored the open textbook. Students who use the free digital version of the text will pay nothing for the textbook. The price for the print edition will still provide a substantial amount of savings for students taking HIST 2111. The text will initially be implemented into the eCore HIST 2111 course during the Summer 2013 semester.



Textbooks

MBS Direct is the official supplier of textbooks for the University System of Georgia's eCore Program. The students have the option to safely and securely purchase their books through the eCore Virtual Bookstore. MBS Direct offers students the option to sell their used books back with the Guaranteed Buyback program. Also, students have the option to purchase eBooks or rent books.

Furthermore, the University of West Georgia and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College have partnered with MBS Direct in a program called Book Store to the Rescue which allows students to purchase their books by using the available financial aid bookstore credit.

Since 2009, eCore has worked diligently to curb the cost of books for students. Text options and alternatives were explored during both revision and course analysis throughout the years for GEOL 1011K, CHEM 1211K, CHEM 1212K, ENGL 2111, HIST 2111, and PHYS 1211K. The impact was quite significant as illustrated in the figure below in comparing then (past costs estimates in 2009) and now (current costs estimates 2013). Also, new developments for FY 14 include the incorporation of Open-Textbooks for Calculus, Statistics, and U.S. History.

Average Cost Savings

	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13
CHEM 1211K	\$ 53	\$ 53	\$ 124	\$ 257
CHEM 1212K	\$ 53	\$ 53	\$ 124	\$ 257
ENGL 2111	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 79
GEOL 1011	\$ -	\$ 56	\$ 139	\$ 168
HIST 2111	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22	\$ 31
PHYS 1211K	\$ -	\$ 73	\$ 77	\$ 78