

Faculty Information

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 resell their used books with the Guaranteed Buyback program. Students also have the option to purchase eBooks or rent books.

Furthermore, the University of West Georgia and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College 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.

The following courses were redesigned to incorporate Open-Textbooks. Open Educational Resources (OER) are course resources that are accessible inside the course at no cost, unless a printed copy is ordered: ENGL1101, ENGL1102, ENGL2112, ENGL2131, ETEC1101, HIST2111, MATH1101, MATH1111, MATH1113, MATH1401, MATH 1501, POLS1101, and SOCI1101.

Average Cost Savings

	FY14	REASON
CHEM 1211K	\$110.00	Different Lab Kit
CHEM 1212K	\$110.00	Different Lab Kit
COMM 1100	\$41.50	eBook Offering
ENGL 1101	\$83.60	OER Adoption
ENGL 1102	\$85.65	OER Adoption
ENGL 2111	NA	<i>Future</i>
ENGL 2132	NA	<i>Future</i>
ENVS 2202	NA	<i>Future</i>
ETEC 1101	\$90.75	eBook Offering
GEOL 1011K	NA	<i>Future</i>
HIST 1111	\$48.13	eBook Offering
HIST 2111	\$45.10	OER Adoption
MATH 1101	\$230.63	OER Adoption
MATH 1111	\$189.83	OER Adoption
MATH 1113	\$154.50	OER Adoption
MATH 1401	\$111.00	OER Adoption
MATH 1501	\$177.00	OER Adoption
PHIL 2010	\$76.08	eBook Offering
PHYS 1211K	\$157.94	OER Adoption
POLS 1101	NA	<i>Future</i>
PSYC 1101	\$81.25	eBook Offering
SOCI 1101	NA	<i>Future</i>
SPAN 2001	NA	<i>Future</i>
SPAN 2002	NA	<i>Future</i>

Effectiveness of Faculty Instruction

In the eCore Course Evaluation that is provided at the end of each semester, students were asked whether the instructor taught the online course effectively. The table below shows results for FY 2014.

FY 2014 eCore Faculty Effectiveness

Overall, the instructor taught this online course effectively.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	62.5%	1900
Agree	26%	789
Neutral	6.5%	198
Disagree	2.7%	82
Strongly Disagree	2.2%	67
Not Applicable	0.1%	4
Answered question		3040

DID YOU KNOW?

eCore implemented open textbooks (available free online to students) into ten courses during FY 2014.

There were 27 Seminar Yards held during FY 2014, which included two Turnitin webinars to promote the improvement of student writing.

eCore's LMS, GoVIEW Powered by Desire2Learn, was upgraded to version 10.2 beginning Spring 2014. While the overall functionality remained the same, several tools and features were enhanced.

The open-text utilized by eCore's Calculus course was customized specifically for eCore students.