



# Central Christian College of Kansas Books4U – Introduction

## NEW COURSE MATERIAL PROGRAM READY TO LAUNCH

In August of 2016, Central Christian College of Kansas will launch a new system of ensuring that all students have equal and timely access to class materials.

Just as the College is committed to ensuring that every student has equal access to the learning environments and staff needed to enhance academic success, the College also recognizes that students should be provided equal access to learning materials. The Books4U Program is the College's way of battling the escalating costs of course related materials and the tendency those costs have on restricting academic freedom.

In a very real way, the Books4U Program is a hybrid solution leveraging the flexibility of a library, with the benefits of a bookstore – resulting in significant savings to you and an enhanced academic environment.

The goals of this program include:

1. Improve *overall* College affordability.
2. Provide equal access to the same material for every student.
3. Improve student outcomes, performance, and persistence.
4. Enhance academic freedom.



## HOW DOES IT WORK?

The College will do most of the heavy-lifting. All you have to do is ensure that you are registered for courses. The College will collect and distribute all the course materials you need – no worries - no hassle. You are free to use your books (underline, highlight, take notes in, etc.) for the term/class. At the end of the term/class, you will simply return the book(s) and your next ones will be sent out to you.

How the books are distributed and returned will depend on your program of enrollment.

- Traditional Students: Books will be ready to pick-up during registration, on campus. At the end of the term, we will designate a drop-off point.
- Online Students/EXCEL<sup>1</sup>: Course materials will be shipped directly to your home/ mailing address prior to the start of each course. At the conclusion of the course, you will receive a mailing label to return the book(s).

Some books, you will not need to return. These are designated as “Yours to keep”. If you really like a book and would like to keep it, you may do so. The cost of the book will be billed to you at 50% off the list price.

## IS THIS EXPENSIVE?

Actually, participation in this program will help lower your overall cost for College. This program allows the College to leverage its formidable resources to ensure that you do not have to pay for excessive book costs.

You will see a slight difference on your Financial Aid Award Letter. In the past, Books and Supplies were included as an indirect student cost, paid directly by you to the books companies or distributor. This year, those costs (at a reduced rate) have been added directly to tuition. So, you will see an increase in tuition (related to fees), but you will no longer have to borrow or receive extra funds to pay for an estimated book amount. This will help you know exactly what you are paying for College – no surprises.

## DO I HAVE TO PARTICIPATE?

The program does allow for students receiving Title IV Aid to opt-out. However, students should carefully investigate the consequences of opting out. This program will allow faculty members to choose enhanced and expanded materials. Opting out may place a significant cost burden on the student. More information concerning the opt-out policy is available through the Financial Aid Office and is described on the Consumer Information Page (Conditions of Award).

## WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Visit the [www.centralchristian.edu/academics](http://www.centralchristian.edu/academics) for more information.

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<sup>1</sup> Legacy Criminal Justice and EXCEL student will participate in a hybrid version of this program, sharing costs of some items not covered in the Degree Completion Tuition Rate.