



Need help getting textbooks?

At the University of Illinois, students are required to purchase their textbooks. The University realizes you may not have funds available at the beginning of the semester to purchase books. We also realize your financial aid package may contain a Federal Work-Study award requiring you to get an on-campus student employment position, which provides you with a paycheck every two weeks. Therefore, Illinois Promise has partnered with the Illini Union Bookstore (IUB) to allow you to purchase up to \$600 in books at the beginning of each semester and to delay payment until you have earned money through your Federal Work-Study job.

You are encouraged to only take advantage of this program if you do not have funds available to purchase your textbooks and anticipate securing employment while on campus.

Illinois Promise students will have the option of purchasing textbooks at IUB and deferring the bill until the beginning of Thanksgiving Break for the Fall 2018 semester, and the beginning of Spring Break for the Spring 2019 semester. Payment should be made directly to the IUB and can be made before the deadline if you find that you have the funds available earlier. Any portion of the deferred bill that is unpaid by the deadlines noted above will be transferred to your student account. Balances of \$200 or more on a student account will trigger an academic records hold, which prevents you from registering for classes.

Ordering your books from IUB:

- Online purchases are not an option with the deferred billing program
- Advanced ordering can be done by calling the manager of IUB at 217.333.2050 and providing information on the course, section, instructor, author, and title of the book. They will set aside the books for you to pick up.
- Pick up books in the store without advanced ordering. IUB is located at 809 S Wright St. (corner of Daniel St.)
- Notify the sales associate upon check-out that you are an Illinois Promise student. You will be required to present your University I-Card.

This deferred billing option is only available to Illinois Promise students, and only at IUB. Therefore, the Office of Student Financial Aid will be providing IUB with your name and University Identification Number (UIN) so that your eligibility may be verified at the time you pick up your books. You will be required to sign a statement agreeing to pay in full within the stated time frame.

Questions:

- Sarah Watson, Director, Scholar Support Programs, sdwatson@illinois.edu or 217.333.4710
- Jim Trail, Bookstore Manager, Illini Union, jmtrail@illinois.edu or 217.333.2050