During the main Textbook Sellback events at the end of each semester, we buy thousands of books from Cornell students, allowing you to turn unwanted books into cash and enabling us to offer a large selection of used books the following term. You can sell your books back year-round by visiting the lower-level registers.

You can participate in Textbook Sellback no matter where you purchased your books or whether you bought new or used copies.

In a typical year, we pay out over $300,000 to Cornell students through Textbook Sellback and buy back over 20,000 books. Here are a few tips to help you get the most for your books:

**Tip #1:** Watch for an email from us with links to your personalized price quote.

If you provided your Cornell ID or Net ID when purchasing books from us, we’ll email you a link to your sellback prices just prior to our main Textbook Sellback events.

**Fact:** If a title is adopted for the following semester, we pay a premium price for the book until we reach our target quantity!

**Tip #2:** Check our prices first, and watch for updates.

We pay higher prices for more books than any other source. We get new orders from faculty every day of Sellback so check our website daily for updates.

**Tip #3:** Don’t wait.

We purchase books on a first-come, first-served basis, and may be buying back a limited quantity depending on the title. So if you don’t intend to keep the book for future reference, don’t delay——bring it to one of our Textbook Sellback locations across campus and get cash back.

**Tip #4:** If you’re not sure, bring the book anyway.

We typically have over 1,000 titles on our adopted titles list. We also buy thousands of additional titles for use on other campuses (wholesale); there are usually over 120,000 titles on that list, so bring everything when you come. If we can’t purchase your books because they have no resale value, you can opt to keep them for your reference library or donate them to a charity; we provide donation drop sites at all sellback locations.

*See answers to frequently asked questions on back.*

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Get the most cash for your books with sellback tips!
Frequently Asked Questions about Textbook Sellback

Q: How does the Textbook Sellback program work?
A: For two weeks at the end of each semester, we set up Sellback stations in the store. You can bring books you’re interested in selling to any location and we’ll pay you cash on the spot. You can also sell your textbooks back year-round by visiting The Cornell Store, but the best prices are paid at the end of each semester.

Q: Do I need my original receipt to sell my books back?
A: No, a receipt is not needed. You will need to provide your NetID or your Cornell ID card.

Q: Can I sell back a book that I bought used?
A: Yes, we very much want books you bought used as well as new. The main determinant of the value is whether it will be used the next semester at Cornell.

Q: How much money will I receive when I sell my books back to The Cornell Store?
A: If we know the book will be used at Cornell in the next term, during the end-of-semester Sellback event we will pay a premium price for the book until we reach the quantities needed. This price is paid even if you purchased a used copy. We also purchase thousands of other titles on behalf of companies that sell used books to other college stores; this is considered the wholesale price. Bring all your books in to learn the value or visit our website to see the value of books for the past two semesters.

Q: Will you personally notify me when it’s time to sell back my books?
A: Yes. If you provide your Cornell ID card or your Net ID when you purchase textbooks, you will be signed up to receive an email at Textbook Sellback time.

Q: What kind of condition is acceptable?
A: The books must be in good condition. Highlighting and underlining are fine, as long as it doesn’t make the text illegible. Some wear is fine, but the bindings must be in good shape, with covers and pages intact. Books that are water-damaged will not be purchased.

Q: Will you buy old editions?
A: In most cases, the answer is no. Once a new edition is available, it is rare for the older edition to be used at Cornell or other campuses. Bring your book to any of our locations, check your email, or see your sellback list on our website to learn whether we are able to purchase your edition.

Q: What about examination copies, teachers’ editions, and international editions?
A: We do not buy back or sell any of these formats.

Q: Can I sell back course packs or ebooks?
A: No, the contractual terms with the owners of the intellectual property do not allow us to buy back course packs or ebooks.

Q: What about selling online or to another student at Cornell?
A: This may be a legitimate option for you, BUT keep in mind that there is very little market for old editions. When you sell online, you will pay freight and transaction fees and experience a delay until you receive your funds. Most students feel that the convenience, immediate access to cash, and the prices we pay are a good deal when everything is factored together.

Q: Can I sell my books at other times of year?
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