



# LHU Virtual Bookstore & First Day Access Program



- LHU has moved to a Virtual Bookstore. The Virtual Bookstore is easy to navigate! The vendor offers promotional shipping windows during select periods, and they offer a guaranteed buy back price on most books. Shopping through the Virtual Bookstore is a great way to ensure you are purchasing the exact edition of the book that your professor requested.
- To access the Virtual Bookstore, go to main LHU website, then click on **Inside the Haven**, then **Bookstore**. Once on the University Store site, click on **Books & Supplies**, then **Virtual Bookstore**. The Student Info selection under Books & Supplies provides helpful links and info as well.
- You can search the Virtual Bookstore by session/year, then course/section to view the books and materials your instructor requires or recommends.
- You may purchase the books listed through Virtual Bookstore, or simply grab the ISBN and purchase elsewhere if you wish. You are not required to purchase through our Virtual Bookstore.
- The University Store will sell Course Packets and Lab Manuals that some instructors choose to create, but they will *\*not\** stock any textbooks. You will be able to find information on Course Packs and Lab Manuals on the University Store website under Books & Supplies. The University Store also sells LHU apparel, snacks, and incidentals.
- **First Day Access** materials are not listed for purchase in Virtual Bookstore. If a course uses materials that are part of the First Day Access program, a note will be listed on that course/section in the Virtual Bookstore to indicate this.
- First Day Access is a partnership between LHU and textbook publishers that allows students to access participating course materials on the very first day of classes (digitally through courses on D2L), with the charge included on the LHU student bill at the lowest possible price. Not all textbooks are available through this program at this time, but it will continue to grow.
- If any of your textbooks are part of First Day Access, you will receive an email with detailed information about the program, materials, and pricing. The emails typically begin to go out several weeks before the semester begins. You can also find the full list of First Day Access materials on the University Store site under Books & Supplies, then Student Info.
- Students are automatically opted IN for course materials that are part of First Day Access, and may choose to opt OUT by the drop/add deadline to receive a refund. The email you receive about First Day Access will contain a link that will allow you to opt out before the semester begins. After the semester begins, opting out will take place through D2L.

- When the semester begins, go in to the class on D2L, then in the course navbar click on Resources, then First Day Access Textbooks. A window or new tab will pop up with a list of your First Day Access books for that class. This is where you will be able to open your digital textbooks. On this screen, you will also be able to continue opting out of (or back in to) First Day Access books through the drop/add deadline.
- In some cases, a required textbook may include an access code for online learning activities on a publisher site. Some instructors require use of these specific publisher activities as part of the graded assignments for the course. If this is the case for any of your classes, and the required textbook plus publisher access is part of First Day Access, please do *\*not\** opt out of First Day Access for that book until you have purchased the online access elsewhere or you will lose access to your required assignments. If you are unsure if this pertains to one of your courses, please check with your instructor before opting out of First Day access.
- If your course does not have a note about First Day Access in the Virtual Bookstore, then you should proceed with purchasing the required books either through the Virtual Bookstore or at any other site of your choosing.
- **Questions?** Please contact:

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