

Mechanical Engineering

How to Reserve Books

One of the hardest parts of preparing for a new semester is buying textbooks. Sometimes you can wait for the semester to start to find your textbooks, but that just causes a lot of unnecessary stress since books can take a couple weeks to ship or the bookstore runs out. Here are some tips for buying/renting textbooks through both the campus bookstore and online.

NMT Bookstore

The NMT bookstore is the primary location for buying textbooks and other school supplies (along with NMT swag). If you aren't able to go in and find textbooks yourself you can order your textbooks online:

- Go to the [NMT Bookstore's](#) website on your computer
- From the home page, hover over the "Textbooks" tab and select "Order Textbooks"
- From here, you can select the term (the current semester), what department your class is in and the course number along with the instructor (if you can't find the course with your instructor, select the course number that has no instructor listed)
- You can select multiple courses by clicking "Add Another Course"
- Once you have all your classes selected, click "View Your Materials"
- From here, you'll be able to see the textbooks that are needed for all your courses. If a course says that there is no required text, that means the class doesn't have a required textbook
- You can decide to rent or buy your textbook from the bookstore (renting will always be a little cheaper than buying)
- Once you select to buy or rent your textbooks, you can add them to your cart and check them out
- Books can be picked up from the bookstore, they will be set aside for you and when you get to campus you can go to the books and pick up your textbooks you already paid for.

What If Your Textbook Isn't Listed?

You will experience (probably more than once) where your class doesn't have any textbooks listed. If this happens, contact your professor before the semester begins and ask if there is a required textbook for the class. You can also email your professor with the ISBN number listed at the bookstore to make sure that you are buying the right book.

How to Find Cheap Textbooks

Textbooks can be very expensive. It is worth looking online for deals on textbooks from websites (However the NMT Bookstore will also match online prices). **Be cautious when buying books online that you are buying the correct textbook.** It is very easy to purchase the wrong textbook or the international version of a textbook. Make sure to give yourself enough time to return textbooks if you do make these mistakes. Before purchasing textbooks from a website, talk to your peers or advisor and see if they would recommend the website.

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