



Textbook Cost Type: Search and Display Project

Student Information

As faculty and campuses adopt zero-cost textbooks and materials and zero textbook cost degrees (Z-Degrees), students need a method to find these courses while registering. Minnesota State has been working on a solution to present a consistent method for searching and displaying courses that offer no cost textbooks and materials during the course registration process.

Phase I began in March 2020.

Phase II begins in the Spring of 2021.

Phase I of this project focuses only on courses with no textbook or material costs. Participating campuses of this pilot phase include colleges in the Z-Degree Project:

- Anoka-Ramsey Community College
- Central Lakes College
- Century College
- Lake Superior College
- Mesabi Range College
- Minneapolis College
- Northland Community and Technical College

Students of the participating campuses have the ability to search for courses that offer no cost textbooks and materials (or no textbooks) by using the Advanced Search feature in the registration process.

No Cost: An instructor uses textbooks and related course materials in a course that are no cost for students.

Common materials that are **NOT** calculated in the zero textbook cost definition are:

- Art supplies
- Calculators
- Equipment
- Class fees

Regular-Cost: Some or all of the course's required textbooks and course materials are not free of cost.

Expand/Collapse for Advanced Search

Days Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Times between [] and []

MN Transfer Curriculum Goal []

Credit Type All []

Instructor []

Begins after Date [] (mm/dd/yyyy)

Textbook Cost All []

All []

No cost for textbooks []

Not all courses available in degree pathways are zero cost courses. Class times and delivery mode of zero cost courses vary. The ability to complete the full degree with zero textbook costs depends on availability to complete courses offered at specific times or by a specific campus or online delivery modes.