

VALENCIA COLLEGE

Instructional Materials Policy Adoption

Examples of Decreases in Instructional Materials Costs

Course	Price Then (2011)	Price Now (2013)
ENC 1101 (reader) (Osceola)	\$106	\$51
ENC 1101 & 1102 (handbook) (East)	\$72	\$30
MAT 0028C (Osceola, East, Winter Park, Lake Nona)	\$110	\$22.50
MAT 1033C* (Osceola)	\$149	\$84
POS 2041 (West)	\$120-130	\$80
PSY 2012 (East)	\$177	\$100
BSC 1010 (West)	\$200	\$106
BSC 1011 (West)	\$200	\$120

*A pilot is underway this fall with MAT 1033C materials that cost \$22; if successful, all MAT 1033C sections (1,000+ students) will convert by next fall.

Ongoing Strategies

- Faculty are working to produce more affordable, high quality materials (e.g., biology lab manuals)
- Consideration of electronic options will be emphasized
- New procedure encourages development of new open-source materials and review of existing ones

The Goal

We want to reduce cost but also even the playing field so that all students have access to and engagement with the material from the first day of class.

Future Work

- Establish a taskforce to examine the options that may work for a college-wide model (e.g., free online learning management systems, materials fee included in tuition, standardizing which device students will need)
- Engage faculty as a whole in seeking out tech solutions (e.g., professional development offerings, an internal conference on digital content solutions)

