

INCLUSIVE ACCESS – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) WHAT IS INCLUSIVE ACCESS (IA)?

Inclusive Access is a program that *automatically* provides every student in a class the required course materials they need on the first day of class. The material is provided in digital format via the course instructor's D2L page. The student needs to do nothing special ahead of the start of class to be enrolled in the program.

2) WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF IA?

The main benefit is that the IA material is provided at a much lower cost compared to traditional textbooks. Since IA material is digital, it is cheaper than purchasing or renting a physical product. Also, textbook publishers agree to sell IA material directly to schools at a lower price than they sell it to any other retail seller. Another benefit of IA is that everyone in the class will have access to the exact material required by the professor to pass the course when the class starts— no worrying about: shopping ahead of time, waiting for material to come in the mail, textbook edition numbers, ISBN identifiers, or what ancillary material may/ may not be included with a textbook.

3) WHO DECIDES TO USE IA MATERIALS FOR A COURSE?

The course instructor controls what material is used for their class and if the material will be distributed via the IA program. In general, faculty that choose to enroll in the IA program are concerned about the high cost of textbooks and want to keep prices down.

4) HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM IN A COURSE THAT IS PARTICIPATING IN THE IA PROGRAM?

There are multiple ways you will know if your class utilizes IA material: 1) When looking up book information for the class on the bookstore website, you will see information designating the class as an IA course, 2) The course instructor will explain the program (including how to access material) on the first day of class, 3) Information about IA will be listed in your course syllabus, and 4) You will receive multiple emails from the bookstore regarding your IA material. If you are in an IA course it is imperative to check your school emails for information about your IA course.

5) HOW MUCH WILL I BE CHARGED FOR MY IA MATERIAL?

The cost varies by product. You will receive pricing information from the course instructor on the first day of class and you will receive emails concerning the cost of IA materials before, during, and after, the first day of class.

6) HOW DO I PAY FOR MY IA MATERIAL?

Your IA material is billed directly to your student account (along with tuition, room & board, student fees, etc.). You will receive information concerning the timing of the charge from the course instructor on the first day of class as well as via numerous emails.

7) DO I NEED A PASSWORD TO ACCESS MY IA MATERIAL?

Some IA materials require a password for access – if a password is needed, it will be sent to you in an email. Please look for emails from “Edinboro University Bookstore”.

8) WHAT IF I DO NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IA PROGRAM?

Students have the option to opt out of the program. There is a deadline for opting out – the deadline will be communicated to you in emails from the bookstore. If you wish to opt out, you can do so by clicking on the access link on the course D2L page or follow the instructions in the emails sent by the store.