



Day 1 Ready Policy

Dalton State College's Day 1 Ready program is designed to provide affordable access to required course materials for all students. This innovative program allows students to access digital course materials on the first day of class, ensuring they have the resources they need to succeed at a reduced cost.

Overview

- **Purpose:** To ensure all students have access to digital course materials on the first day of class at a reduced cost.
- **Benefits:** Enhances student preparedness, engagement, and academic success by providing timely access to necessary resources.

How it works

1. **Material Selection:** Faculty members select the course materials for their courses.
2. **Partnership:** The Dalton State Bookstore partners with publishers to negotiate a discounted price.
3. **Access:** Students who are registered for courses that utilize the Day 1 Ready program will have access to materials made available on the first day of class.
4. **Billing:** a Day 1 Ready charge is placed on their student account under detail code BOOK.
5. **Opt-Out:** Students will have the option to opt-out of each individual course material within a given timeline and will be refunded the charge on their student account.

Benefits for Students:

- **Access:** Access to course materials on the first day of class, increasing their ability to prepare and engage in their studies.
- **Cost savings:** The Day 1 Ready program will offer course materials at a lower cost than traditional methods.
- **Financial Aid:** Students can use financial aid to cover the cost of textbooks.
- **Nelnet Payment Plan:** Students can utilize the Nelnet Payment Plan to cover the book charges.
- **Improved Performance:** Increased success rates and improved academic performance due to timely and easy access to course materials.

Benefits for Faculty:

- **Enhanced Tools:** Access to a range of digital tools to enhance instruction and improve student engagement.
- **Reduced Burden:** Reduced administrative burden through the program's support services and management of course materials.
- **Customization:** Opportunity to customize course materials to meet specific teaching and learning needs.

Opt-Out Policy:

- **Opting Out:** Students can choose to opt-out of each individual course material if they prefer to obtain materials elsewhere. If students opt out within the given timeline, they will not be charged for the course material.
- **Deadline:** The opt-out period ends within the first two weeks of each semester. Specific dates can be found in Georgia View under your Day 1 Ready course materials.

Access Cut Off Policy:

- **Book Charge Balance:** Students who have an outstanding balance for their course materials by the access cut-off deadline and do not have financial aid, loans, or a Nelnet Plan to cover the cost will no longer be able to access their individual course materials.

For detailed instructions on how to opt out, please visit the Dalton State Bookstore website at:
<https://dalton.textbooktech.com/pages/inclusive-access>

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