Paying for Books

While the Purdue Promise program helps cover expenses up to the budgeted Estimated Cost of Attendance, as listed in your myPurdue under the “Financial Tab,” students may have to cover upfront expenses before the Division of Financial Aid (DFA) releases refund checks* to students. Please note that not every student receives a refund. The best way to determine if you will receive a refund is to check your bill for a negative amount. This negative number indicates the amount you can expect to receive. It is possible that you may receive your refund before classes start, but your refund may be delayed because of outside factors.

If you expect to receive a refund, we recommended two options for purchasing books. We don’t recommend waiting until after classes start to order books online as you’ll increase your chances of falling behind in course readings and assignments while you wait for it to arrive.

OPTION 1:
Pay for books upfront and out of pocket.

OPTION 2:
Take out an emergency loan from the Office of the Dean of Students (ODOS) while you wait for your refund to disperse.

You can choose to pre-order your textbooks from the campus bookstore or from online sources prior to the start of the semester.

Any student enrolled in one or more classes may come to the Office of the Dean of Students and request to borrow up to $400 for 30 days with no interest.

If/when you receive your refund, you can treat it as a “reimbursement.”

Once you receive your refund, you would use that money to pay your back your debt to ODOS.

For more information about emergency loans, visit: www.purdue.edu/odos/services/emergencyloans.php

*If students take advantage of all aid offered, including loans, they may have a moderate amount of aid in excess of what is owed to the university to help provide money for off campus housing, books, supplies, or other indirect educational expenses. If the amount of the total aid accepted does not cover the tuition and fees due, the student is responsible for paying the balance due (shown on the electronic fee invoice) by the first day of class.