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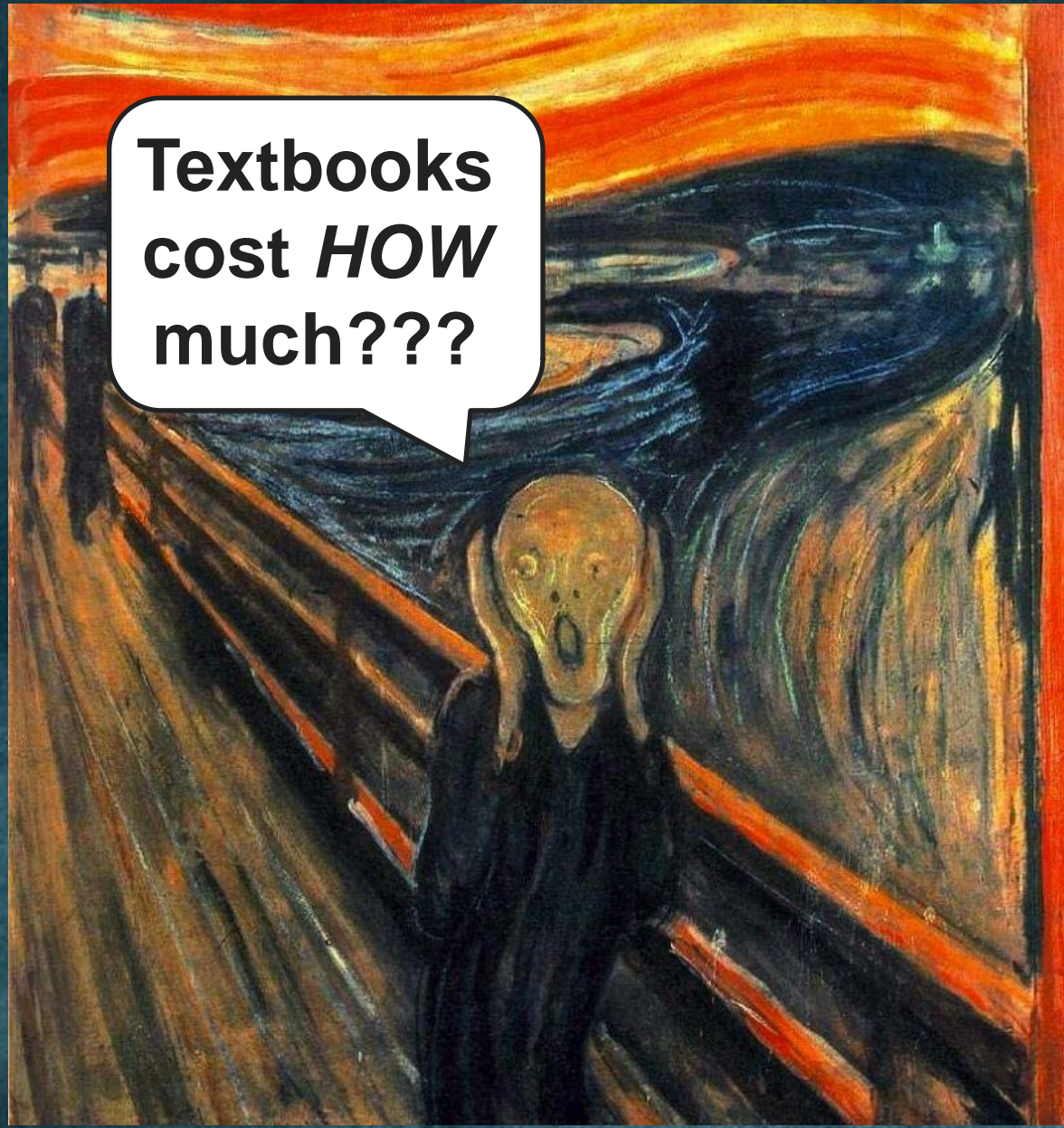
CSU's Affordable Learning Solutions enables faculty to choose and provide more affordable, quality educational content for their students.

By reducing CSU student course material expenses, more students acquire the course materials they need to succeed and benefit from their CSU learning experience.





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Textbooks  
cost *HOW*  
much???

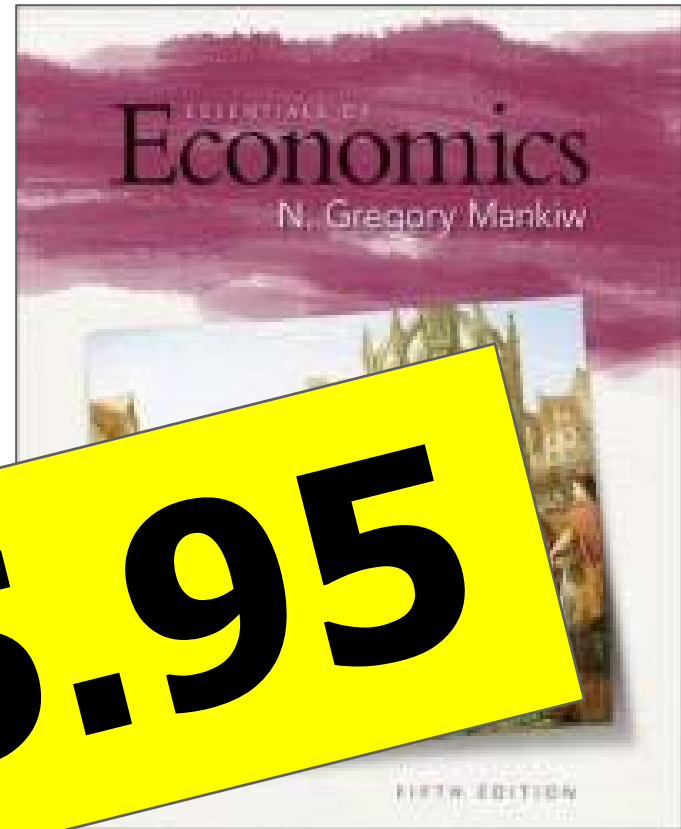


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## Problems

- 1. Textbooks are expensive**
- 2. Students are selective**
- 3. Students can't always keep them**
- 4. Students can fall weeks behind**
- 5. Learning is negatively affected**

# Popular Econ 101 Textbook



**\$255.95**

# Popular Calculus Textbook



**\$224.95**

## Textbook Costs vs Student Success

60%+ do not purchase books at some point due to book cost



35% take fewer courses due to book cost



31% choose not to register for a course due to book cost



23% regularly go without textbooks due to book cost



14% have dropped a course due to book cost

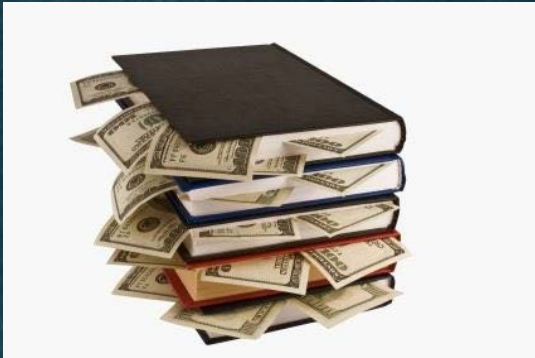


10% have withdrawn from a course due to book cost





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\*Students spend **\$1,168**  
per year

on books & supplies

- *College Board*

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<http://affordablelearningsolutions.org>

## Participating CSU Campuses





## What is Affordable Learning Solutions (AL\$) Program?

- 1. Help faculty in at least 10 different course sections locate more affordable or free instructional material resources**
- 2. Streamline the process of locating affordable instructional materials**
- 3. Increase campus awareness about available resources for more affordable instruction**
- 4. Showcase faculty accomplishments in the program**

## Affordable Learning Solutions (AL\$) Program

### Program performance overview since inception

Year	Total # of faculty adopters	Total # of courses impacted	Total # of students	Total \$ saved	Average \$ saved/student	Average # saved/course
2013-14	5	5	198	\$28,109	\$142	\$5,621.8
2014-15	6	6	379	\$33,801	\$89	\$5,633.5
2015-16	0					
2016-17	20	20	807	\$107,310	\$133	\$5,365.5

The program supported 20 faculty from 13 departments to adopt more affordable or free instructional materials

Faculty testimonial video

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7o\\_UwpEvUs&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7o_UwpEvUs&feature=youtu.be)



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<https://contentbuilder.merlot.org/toolkit/html/snapshot.php?id=90468496261601>

## **Carmen Jany's e- portfolio**

<https://contentbuilder.merlot.org/toolkit/html/snapshot.php?id=435173711213445>

## **J. David Jerez-Gómez's e- portfolio**

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# **Campus AL\$ Committee**

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# 2017 Affordable Learning Solutions (AL\$) Poster Showcase April 28<sup>th</sup> - Library





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**AL\$ CSUSB has received a grant of  
\$15,000 for 2018-17**

