Students have option to rent textbooks

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Students can rent textbooks by going to the bookstore and using one of the textbook rental kiosks located near the entrance. The textbook rental program offers 568 different titles for students to choose from.

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“It’s way cheaper than buying,” said Tiffany Locklear, a freshman.

One of the disadvantages of the new program is that students can only pay with credit or debit cards.

At this point, the bookstore is unable to tell if students will be able to use financial aid to rent books.

For students interested in renting books, there is a listing of what can and cannot be rented on the bookstore website.

“The important thing to remember is that you are renting the book, not buying it. Do not sell them back,” Swaney said.

For the fall semester, all textbooks are due by Dec. 16th.

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