

Dear Student,

Our campus is taking steps to make sure you have access to course materials in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you previously accessed textbooks via the library, shared a book with a classmate, or left your books on campus, we have partnered with our campus store, VitalSource® and major publishers to provide free access to online course material through the remainder of the Spring 2020 semester.

Simply log in to the VitalSource Bookshelf app using your school (.EDU) email address and view course materials from participating publishers via VitalSource’s Explore capabilities within Bookshelf.

Next steps:

To get started, students should visit: bookshelf.vitalsource.com.

Create an account on VitalSource bookshelf: [create a Bookshelf account](#)

Students with existing Bookshelf accounts linked to their institution-provided email address will see a new tab called “**Explore**” when they login. This tab provides access to the freely-available ebooks.

What is included?

VitalSource and publishers have worked together to make tens of thousands of ebooks available to allow students to find their required learning materials. Students may access up to seven titles.

Custom content, interactive content, and content used for assessment is not included. Commonly assigned materials from publishers, often referred to as “courseware” (like Pearson’s MyLab, Cengage MindTap, WileyPlus, etc.) are not included in this program. Most custom content is not included in VitalSource Helps.

Any content typically accessed via the LMS, such as Inclusive Access content, will still be available on LMS-integrated accounts. However, ebooks that are part of VitalSource Helps are only available through the Explore tab at bookshelf.vitalsource.com and within all native Bookshelf apps (iOS, Android, Windows, Mac, etc.).

Where to go if you need support?

You can check out a list of frequently asked questions [here](#).
[Click here to get support.](#)

Is the Bookshelf platform accessible for students with special needs?

Yes. [We take accessibility seriously.](#) You can [find our VPATs here](#), and [relevant support articles here](#). We ensure all materials meet a minimum standard of accessibility, and the Bookshelf platform supports even more accessibility features, but publishers determine enhanced accessibility for their own content.

Full program information is available at this link: <https://get.vitalsource.com/vitalsource-helps>