



IVY TECH  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## What is Ivy+?

Ivy+ offers two main benefits to the student to ensure success:

- **Ivy+ tuition** transforms the tuition structure by charging the same tuition rate for Ivy Tech students enrolled in 12 or more credits, or full-time band. Part-time students taking less than 12 credits will continue to pay a per credit hour tuition rate.
- **Ivy+ textbooks** is designed to ensure students have required textbooks before the first day of class.

### Ivy+ Tuition

Ivy+ tuition transforms the tuition structure for student success by charging the same tuition rate for students enrolled in 12 or more credits, or full-time band. Part-time students taking less than 12 credits will continue to pay a per credit hour tuition rate. Students enrolled in "banded tuition" institutions often enroll in more credits per term, meaning banded tuition helps students graduate faster, improves academic performance, and reduces the overall cost of their education.

To receive the maximum benefits from the Ivy+ tuition model, students will want to plan to take 30 credit hours over the course of an academic year. Our Summer-Flex Scholarship is here to help, but some eligibility will be required. Summer-Flex is designed to provide additional flexibility and accommodate students who are full-time, but do not take 15 credits in Fall and Spring terms. Students can take any remaining credit hours over the summer to reach 30 credit hours for the year. An example is a student taking 12 credit hours in Fall 21 and then 12 credit hours in Spring 22. The student could take up to six credits hours in Summer 22 without incurring costs for the Summer 22 term.

### Ivy+ Textbooks

Ivy+ textbooks is an innovative model that restructures tuition and required textbooks to support student success by ensuring all students have equitable access. It would include the cost of all required textbooks and digital course materials with a standard book number (ISBN) in the overall tuition rate. Students will be guaranteed equitable access to required textbooks at the start of class, transparency around costs, and a seamless student experience. The model guarantees all students have the materials they need on or before the first day of class.

Ivy Tech is committed to helping our students succeed. In the 2021-2022 academic year, Ivy Tech will cover the cost of all required textbooks for all students (excludes dual credit, non-credit, and apprenticeship/building trades) using federal funds. Previously, Ivy Tech estimated students were paying an average of \$56 per credit hour for textbooks alone. This is nearly \$850 each semester for students taking 15 credit hours.

## What are the student benefits?

Ivy+ textbooks is designed to save students time, money, and hassle when accessing their required course materials. Ivy+ textbooks will ensure students have everything they need to succeed from the first day of class. Currently, only 30% of students purchase textbooks and other course materials from the bookstore. The other 70% buy required materials elsewhere or, possibly, do not purchase them at all. With the Ivy+ textbooks model, Ivy Tech can guarantee 100% of its students will be equipped with the materials they need to be set up for academic success.

## What is included in Ivy+ textbooks?

Ivy+ textbooks includes the costs of all required digital textbooks. If a required course material is not offered in digital format, students will receive a physical textbook rental. Course materials that are recommended, but not required, program fees, course fees, and other consumable fees (e.g., exam fees, proctoring fees, nursing scrubs, welding rods) are not covered. With Ivy+ textbooks, students will still be provided with access to low-cost print options and other physical materials as they do now. With physical rentals, students will be provided with the option to purchase at the end of the term.

## Will students be able to choose digital or physical textbooks?

Ivy+ textbooks is a digital-first model, but there will be low-cost print versions available for many of the required textbooks. Low-cost print options will be available to students at no additional cost. Students will have the flexibility to choose the format that is best for them. At the end of the semester, students can purchase the books they've rented or return them to the bookstore.

