



## OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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Dear SUSLA Faculty and Students,

The Southern University Board of Supervisors has approved the request that will enable Southern University at Shreveport students to purchase access to e-books. The current e-book initiative will be implemented in partnership with Follett, in what is termed Follett ACCESS. In essence, the Follett ACCESS is a convenient and affordable new program that delivers all course materials to students immediately this Fall 2020 and will do so on or before the first day of class subsequently.

Students will pay a flat charge of \$25 per credit hour to access ALL textbooks and learning materials for their courses in almost any format, including access to e-books and online access codes. Depending on the format, course materials can be picked up at the bookstore or accessed electronically through student's Southern University account.

All faculty book adoptions become immediately available through this platform thereby making this an extremely convenient and cost-effective method for providing the required learning tools to students.

We realize that every student, academic discipline, and course requirement is different. Students will be automatically enrolled in the Follett ACCESS Program. We hope the benefit of the program is two-fold: the price of course materials will be reduced, and our students will now know the full cost of their class up front with no surprise out-of-pocket expenditures after enrollment. Many students will also be able to apply certain financial aid and scholarships directly to that portion of the costs. Although we believe this program brings much value in the way of reducing cost and additional resources for student success, students have an opt-out option that can be exercised through the bookstore.

If you have questions about the Follett ACCESS Program, please email the SUSLA bookstore manager, Mr. Adam King, at [1142mgr@follett.com](mailto:1142mgr@follett.com) or at Southern University at Shreveport Bookstore, Follett #1142, Store: 318-670-6309.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Kidd', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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