

it's Your Life...  
**Are You Ready?**



## Textbook Hacks

Buying textbooks for school is often painful. Hundreds of dollars on something you're most likely going to only use for a few months. There are a few things you can do to help save money:

1. **Shop online.** Your school bookstore might have textbooks for easy pick-up today, but you'll most likely find a better deal online.
2. **Wait until you go to class to buy.** The bookstore only has so much room, so they'll stock the most up-to-date version. Your professor might let you know an older version will be just as good, and a lot cheaper.
3. **Digital copies are often super cheap compared to their print versions.** If that works for you, do it, you'll save a lot of money.
4. **Don't rent.** It might seem like a great way to save a bit of money, but you won't be able to resell the books at the end of the semester.
5. **Try selling them on your own.** The bookstore is going to offer you a price that they can then make a profit on when they turn around and resell the book. If you can sell your books on your own, you can get a little bit more money.



It might take a little bit of effort, but you can save a lot of money. Good luck with school!

## You Don't Need It All



Living a minimalist lifestyle might not seem all that cool. Your friends will have the latest and “greatest” fashion and new computers, phones, and gaming consoles. And here you are, with your sturdy reliable shoes, a backpack that will become a family heirloom, and generic clothes.

But there are a lot of benefits to becoming minimalist. And you really don't have to sacrifice your fashion to do so.

- **You'll save money.** It should make sense that the less you own; the more money you'll save. The less you have, the fewer things that can go wrong that require repair, which costs money.
- **You'll save time.** The less you have, the less you have to keep track of or clean. If you only have a handful of clothes, laundry takes less time. Fewer things means cleaning up after yourself is easier too.
- **Fewer distractions.** You might not own a TV, but you can borrow one when you get your work done. You won't ever have to choose not to play video games if you don't own any.
- **You can move on the fly.** Moving is a common theme in college and right after graduation. Every year or so you'll need to pack up everything and find a new place. If you're a minimalist, you'll probably have one or two boxes and you're good to go.

Obviously, this isn't for everyone. It can take a lot of time and planning to establish a minimalist lifestyle. But once you're there, it can give you a lot of freedom.