Note: These Frequently Asked Questions were designed for faculty currently using or considering Cengage course materials. Faculty are not being asked to switch to Cengage materials. Faculty will continue to choose the course materials that best meet their needs.

Will faculty be required to use Cengage content?

No. This agreement was negotiated to give students a lower cost on Cengage content when Cengage content is being used. Faculty still get to choose what materials to use in their course.

Do I need to switch to a newer edition of the Cengage book I am using?

If the book you are currently using is not offered in Cengage Unlimited, you will need to switch to a newer edition or different material. Cengage has offered to assist faculty with this transition. Please contact umsasautoaccess@missouri.edu if you would like assistance, and we will connect you to the appropriate Cengage representative.

How much will students save?

It depends on the cost of the previous materials. Under the new agreement, students will pay $49.95 for access to Cengage Unlimited for one semester. Cost savings grow substantially when students need more than one Cengage book.

Cengage offers a number of supplemental materials such as WebAssign, Applia, and more. Are these available within Cengage Unlimited?

Yes, supplemental courseware is included in the $49.95 price.

How do students access the materials?

Students will access the materials through a link on your course within Canvas.

Can students get a physical copy of the book?

Yes. Within the Cengage Unlimited portal, students can order a print rental for $7.99/book with free shipping included. If a student would like to purchase the book, within the portal, the student can purchase a low-cost loose leaf version. Prices range from $19 to $47.
Can students opt-out of this program if they already have the book?

Yes, students can opt-out. If they opt-out, they will lose access to all Cengage content for all classes including supplementary materials. Prior to opting out, students should take care to ensure they do not have Cengage materials for a different class as well.

Can a faculty member choose not to participate in this program and adopt a regular book?

The agreement requires that all Cengage books being used at all four Universities be converted to Cengage Unlimited. The store will not be able to bring in regular copies of the book.

If students are in a continuation course, will they need to pay $49.95 each semester?

Students have the ability to load up to six titles into a “virtual locker” within Cengage Unlimited. These titles will be available to the student for one year after the subscription ends (end of the semester). Students will have access to the materials in their virtual locker even if they are not taking classes using Cengage Unlimited in subsequent semesters.

How long is the price guaranteed?

The regular price of Cengage Unlimited is $119.99/semester. The negotiated price is $49.95/semester and is on a three-year agreement, subject to annual review.