

**From:** Karen Palm  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Change in **Textbook Order Deadline** for Fall 2010

Dear Members of the Faculty and Staff:

I'm writing to alert you to a change in textbook ordering through the campus bookstore. Due to new legislation, textbook orders, complete with ISBNs, for the Fall 2010 semester will be due by March 15, 2010--about a month earlier than in recent years.

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) takes effect in July 2010 and is driving this change. The act includes various provisions aimed at the rising cost of postsecondary education. As part of it, the Federal Government will require schools to disclose the full costs of textbooks and other course materials prior to student registration. The intent is that students will have book and equipment costs available as they make registration decisions. For VU to be in compliance with this new regulation, we must make cost information available before students register in April for fall classes. The Registrar's Office, IT, and the Bookstore have been working together to ensure that the required information will be available to meet the HEOA requirements.

For instructors, this means complete, accurate ISBNs must be on book orders, particularly for bundled course materials sold under one ISBN, and orders must be in by March 15. Thank you for helping us comply with these new federal requirements.

Regards,  
Mike

David M. Owens  
Assistant Provost for Faculty Affairs  
Associate Professor of English