

MPA PROGRAM GENERAL TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

While specific textbook cost per course may vary, prospective students should recognize that textbooks are a necessary input to graduate education and it is important to plan for this cost in addition to tuition each semester. A typical course in the MPA graduate curriculum may require textbook(s) costing a total of \$75 to \$200 (these are estimates, not guarantees).

Textbooks assigned may vary from semester to semester even for the same course, as instructors ensure that students have access to current and appropriate material for their professional preparation. The best way to minimize the cost of textbooks is to plan ahead and contact instructors before a given semester begins to find out what textbook(s) will be used in that course, leaving yourself time to obtain them in a cost-effective manner. Rental and e-book options are often available as well as used copies, so an early start in getting the book makes it easier to keep costs down. If you cannot determine the instructor of a course you are taking in order to inquire about the books, please contact the department head, Dr. Rodney Stanley (rstanley1@tnstate.edu).