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Helpful Tips &

The following fact sheet offers some suggestions to help students save money when purchasing textbooks. This list is not exhaustive so students are encouraged to research other options. **+Be sure to check with your professor that the version of the textbook you select can be used in your class. +**

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