

CMI VitalSource eText

How to add the CMI eText to your VitalSource Bookshelf and
access the eText

STEPS

1. Open “My Textbooks & Course Resources” tool from the “Course Materials Folder”
2. Click “Read Now”.
3. Sign in with your existing VitalSource Account OR create an account if you don’t already have one (note: if you already have one and you’re logged in, this step is skipped).
4. Enjoy your eText access and explore the various neat options VitalSource offers for their eTexts such as highlighting, notecards, note taking, etc.

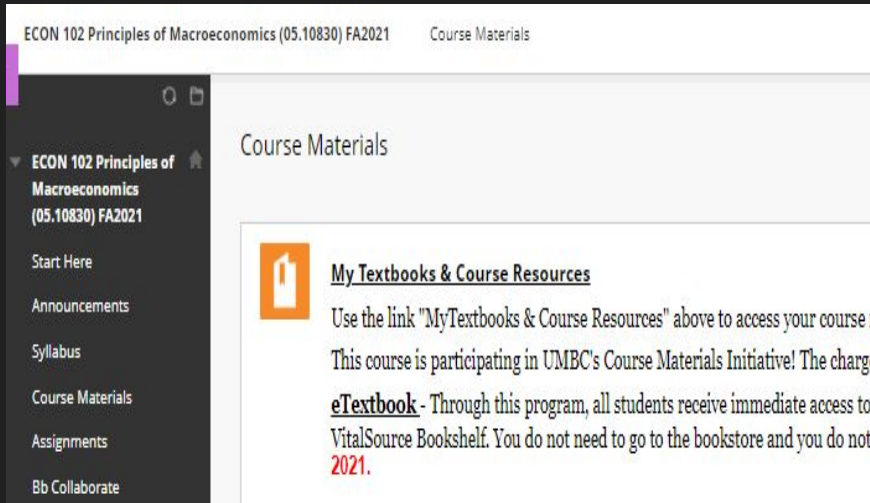
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The following pages will have these steps with more detailed instructions and screenshots (using ECON 102 & ENGL 393 as examples- thank you Dr. Thomas & Dr. Bozic!).

1. Open “My Textbooks & Course Resources” tool from the “Course Materials Folder”

The tool appearance differs in Original vs ULTRA Blackboard shells and may look different depending on the instructors customization of the tool/folder/overall set up of their Blackboard shell. Sometimes the name of the tool is also changed by the instructor but typically will have information that indicates that it is the correct link to click. Once you locate the tool, the next steps for access are exactly the same for any Blackboard version.

ORIGINAL Blackboard



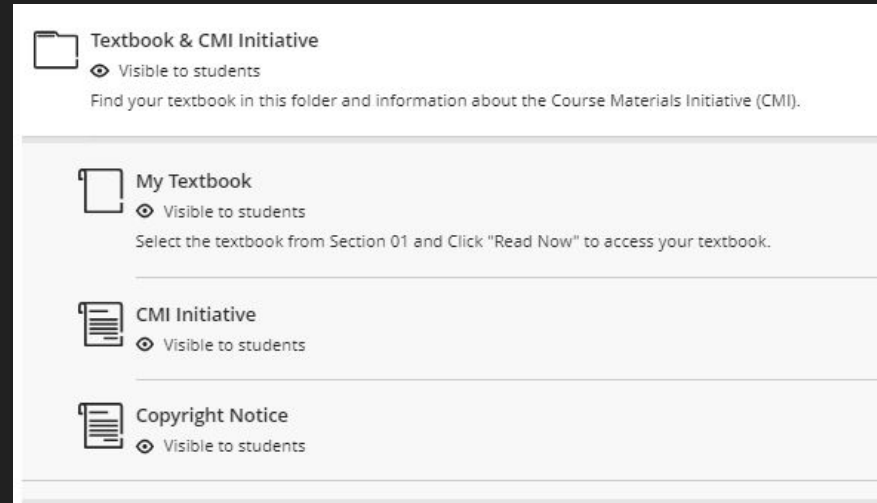
ECON 102 Principles of Macroeconomics (05.10830) FA2021 Course Materials

Course Materials

My Textbooks & Course Resources

Use the link "MyTextbooks & Course Resources" above to access your course .
This course is participating in UMBC's Course Materials Initiative! The charge
eTextbook - Through this program, all students receive immediate access to
VitalSource Bookshelf. You do not need to go to the bookstore and you do not
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ULTRA Blackboard



Textbook & CMI Initiative

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Find your textbook in this folder and information about the Course Materials Initiative (CMI).

My Textbook

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Select the textbook from Section 01 and Click "Read Now" to access your textbook.

CMI Initiative

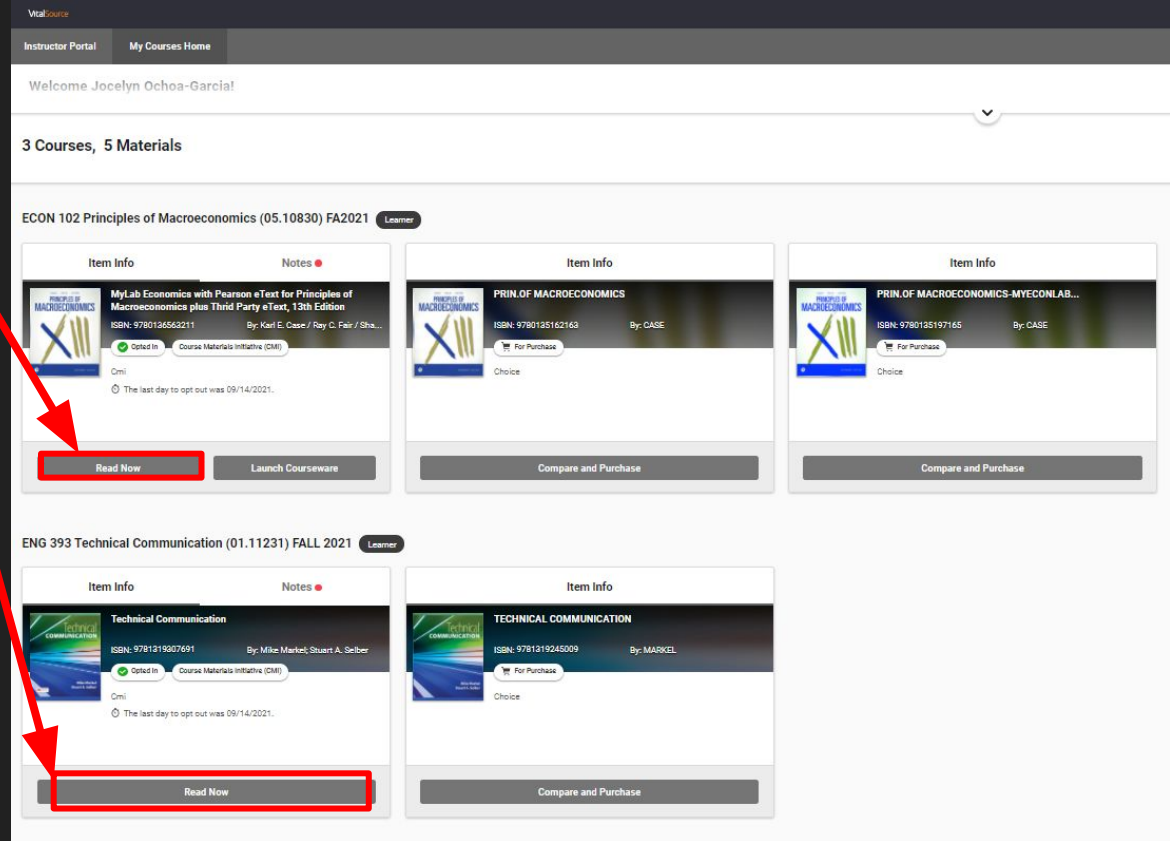
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2. Click “Read Now”.

- A. Read Now – link to VitalSource eText provided through CMI
- B. “Launch Courseware” – Pearson Courseware users only. Not all courses have this button. If you do not see it, it’s not being used, no worries.
- C. “Compare and Purchase” – These are physical items outside of CMI. Typically these are the physical alternatives to the digital materials and not required if you’re staying in CMI but be sure to read your syllabus and requirements as clickers and non-CMI books will also be listed here.



The screenshot displays the VitalSource Instructor Portal interface. At the top, it says "Welcome Jocelyn Ochoa-Garcia!". Below, it lists "3 Courses, 5 Materials".

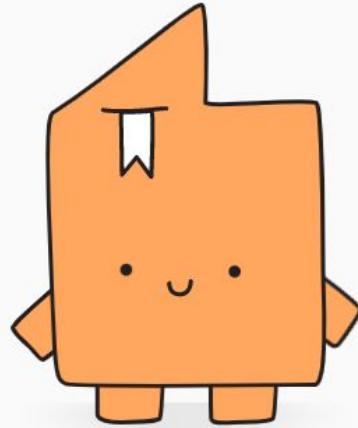
ECON 102 Principles of Macroeconomics (05.10830) FA2021 (Learner)

- Item Info:** MyLab Economics with Pearson eText for Principles of Macroeconomics plus Third Party eText, 19th Edition. ISBN: 9780134563211. By: Karl E. Case / Ray C. Fair / Sha... Opted In Course Materials Initiative (CMI). Cmi. The last day to opt out was 09/14/2021. **Read Now** (highlighted in red) Launch Courseware
- Item Info:** PRIN. OF MACROECONOMICS. ISBN: 9780125162163. By: CASE. For Purchase Choice. Compare and Purchase
- Item Info:** PRIN. OF MACROECONOMICS-MYCONLAB... ISBN: 9780125197165. By: CASE. For Purchase Choice. Compare and Purchase

ENG 393 Technical Communication (01.11231) FALL 2021 (Learner)

- Item Info:** Technical Communication. ISBN: 9781311907691. By: Mike Markel; Stuart A. Selber. Opted In Course Materials Initiative (CMI). Cmi. The last day to opt out was 09/14/2021. **Read Now** (highlighted in red)
- Item Info:** TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION. ISBN: 9781311924509. By: MARKEL. For Purchase Choice. Compare and Purchase

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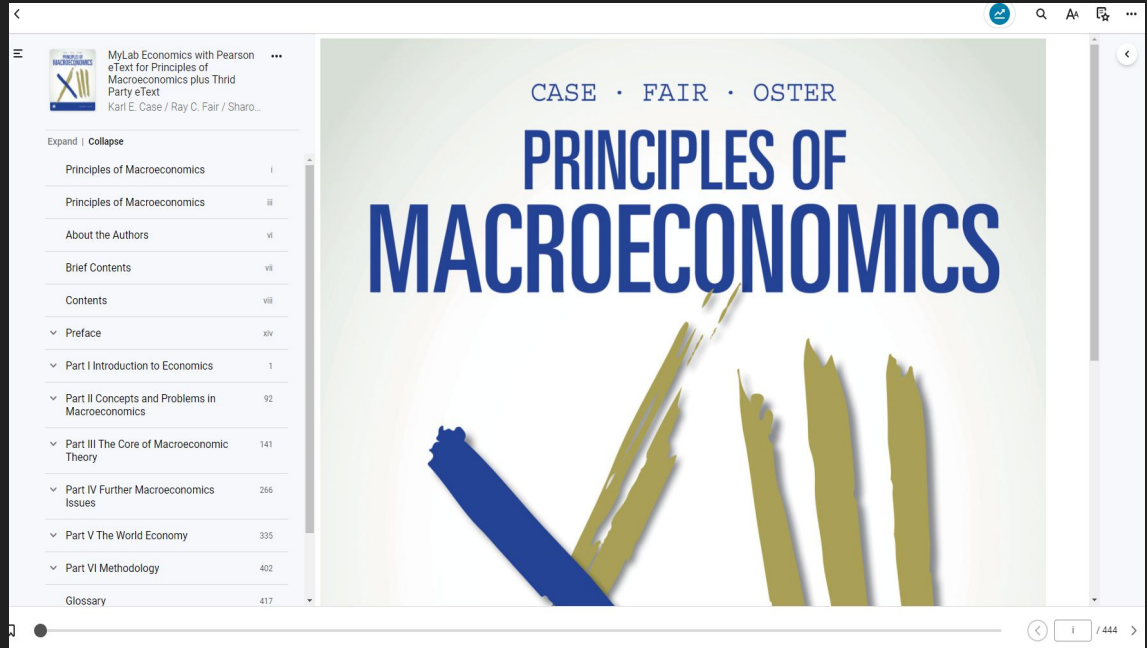
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The screenshot displays a digital textbook interface. On the left, a table of contents is visible, listing chapters and their corresponding page numbers. The main area on the right shows the book cover for 'Principles of Macroeconomics' by Case, Fair, and Oster. The cover features the title in large blue letters and abstract brushstroke graphics in blue and green.

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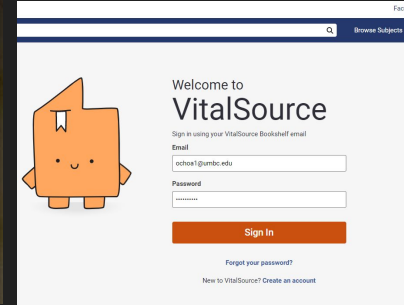
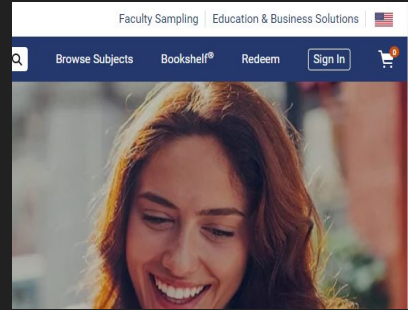
STEPS for Accessing Directly from VitalSource Bookshelf

1. Add the eText to your VitalSource Bookshelf using the previously outlined steps.
2. Login to vitalsource account (vitalsource.com) and click “(your name)’s Bookshelf” OR go directly to “bookshelf.vitalsource.com” if you’re already logged into VitalSource on your browser.
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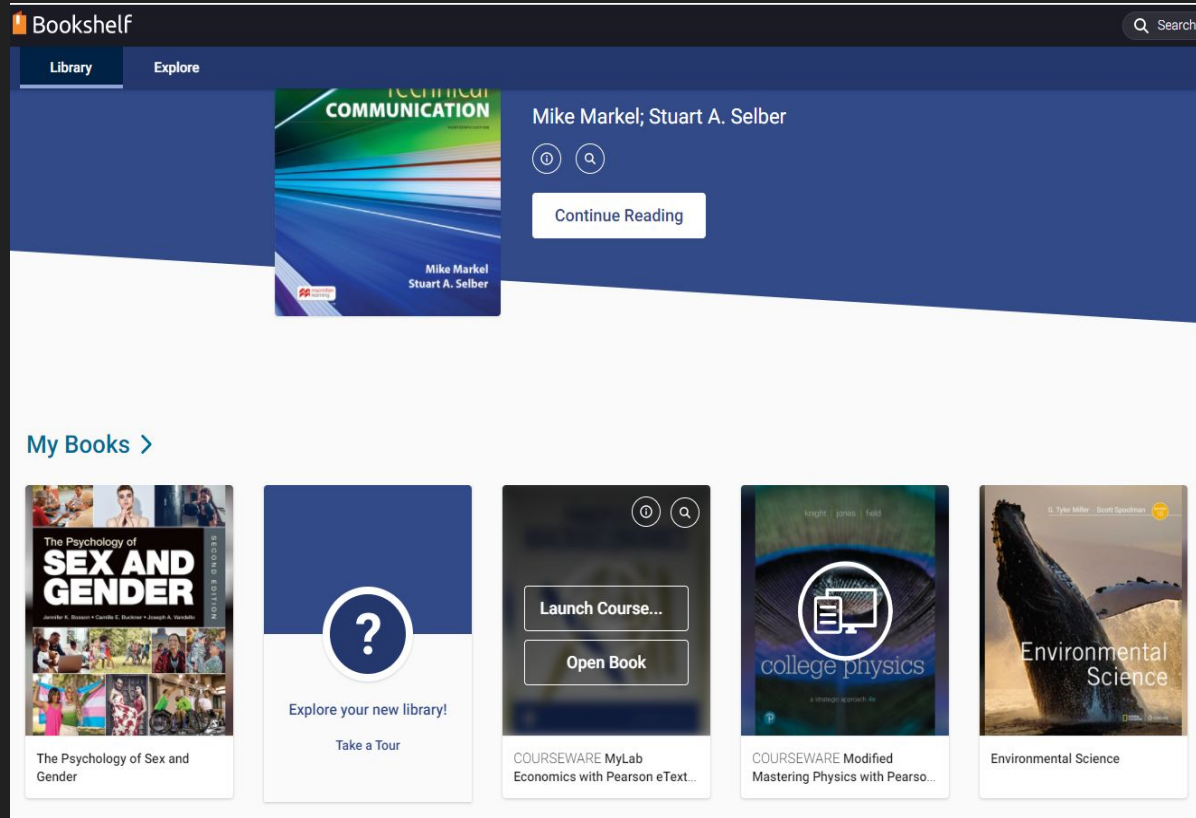
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1. Pick up where you left off on any your eTexts!

Hover over any of the titles in “My Books” and click “Open Book”.

- Some of the courses using Pearson courseware (MyLab, Mastering_, etc) will show “Launch Courseware” as an option.



The screenshot shows the UMBC Bookshelf interface. At the top, there is a search bar and a navigation menu with "Library" and "Explore" tabs. The main content area features a large book cover for "TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION" by Mike Markel and Stuart A. Selber. Below this, there is a "Continue Reading" button. Underneath, there is a "My Books >" section with a grid of book covers. The first cover is "The Psychology of SEX AND GENDER" by Jennifer K. Bussell, Candice E. Buckner, and Joseph A. Verdullo. The second cover is a blue square with a white question mark and the text "Explore your new library! Take a Tour". The third cover is "COURSEWARE MyLab Economics with Pearson eText..." with a "Launch Course..." button and an "Open Book" button. The fourth cover is "college physics" with a "COURSEWARE Modified Mastering Physics with Pearso..." label. The fifth cover is "Environmental Science" by Tyler Miller and Scott Spoolman.

Contacts

- BEFORE contacting the following, PLEASE be sure you've followed the steps correctly!
- **VitalSource Support:** https://www.vitalsource.com/contact_us - This should be your first point of contact if you are receiving an error or are having trouble with your VitalSource account. CMI provides the link for access to the eText but the eText itself is hosted by VitalSource so they would handle any technical issues.
- **Jocelyn Ochoa-Garcia** - ochoa1@umbc.edu - Jocelyn is the CMI coordinator and can check if it's a CMI status issue that's causing trouble or a linking issue. She does NOT have access to student accounts within VitalSource.

[BONUS: Download the VitalSource Bookshelf APP on your device](#) (VitalSource Download Page)

HAVE A GREAT DAY AND HAPPY LEARNING!