

FIU LAW LIBRARY AFFORDABILITY COUNTS REPORT

2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR

INTRODUCTION

FIU Law Library supports Affordability Counts at FIU by providing

- **Course Books:** Substitute print course materials with electronic equivalents provided by FIU Law Library;
- **Study Aids:** Purchasing Study Aid packages from major law publishers providing Law students access to required and recommended supplemental materials for complete and successful understanding of legal principles; and
- **Academic Excellence Resources:** Purchasing legal education learning resources assigned by Academic Excellence Program in support of Bar Preparation and learning success.

These initiatives are funded in part by Technology Fee grants.

PERFORMANCE METRICS

FIU Law Library began reporting on Affordability Counts in 2018-2019. Students enjoyed a 83% increase in savings from 2018-2019 at \$24,941.04 to 2019-2020 at \$144,711.16 for course materials.

This table is a summary of FIU Law Library Affordability Counts achievements for 2019-2020 academic year:

Resource	Impact Metrics	Value
Course Materials	956 law students, 21 courses	\$144,711.16
Academic Excellence Resources	353 law students, 8 courses	\$113,816.00
Study Aids – West Academic	8745 title views, 515 subscriptions	\$123,600.00
Study Aids – Lexis Digital Library	2045 checkouts	\$64,308.14

Below is a detailed explanation of these Affordability Counts metrics.

COURSE MATERIALS PROVIDED BY FIU LAW LIBRARY

Nine hundred fifty-six (956) law students benefitted from FIU Law Library ebooks as their assigned course book in eleven (21) law courses, **saving them \$144,711.16** by not purchasing course materials:

Semester	Catalog	Section	Professor	Course	Title	Price	Enrollment	Total
Fall 2019	5100	U10	Carpenter	Criminal Law	Understanding Criminal Law Dressler Lexis Digital	\$ 39.00	32	\$ 1,248.00
Fall 2019	5762	U01-U10	All	LSV I	Interactive Citation Workbook Norton Lexis Digital	\$ 44.00	163	\$ 7,172.00
Fall 2019	6105	U01	Harper	Death Penalty Law	Understanding Capital Punishment Carter Lexis Digital	\$ 41.00	17	\$ 697.00
Fall 2019	6264	U01	Gomez, J.	Immigration Law	Understanding Immigration Law Lexis Digital	\$ 41.00	30	\$ 1,230.00
Fall 2019	6330	U02	Carpenter	Evidence	Understanding Evidence Giannelli Lexis Digital	\$ 41.00	64	\$ 2,624.00
Fall 2019	6330	U02	Carpenter	Evidence	2019 Federal Rules of Evidence Lexis - Comp Copy	\$ 9.99	64	\$ 639.36
Fall 2019	6350	U10	Ruiz	Law & Procedure	Create & Share + Boost	\$ 328.00	10	\$ 3,280.00
Fall 2019	6780	U01	Schulze	Legal Analysis	Create & Share + Boost	\$ 328.00	20	\$ 6,560.00
Fall 2019	6783	U10	Ruiz	Advanced Legal Analysis	Create & Share + Boost	\$ 328.00	22	\$ 7,216.00
Fall 2019			Schulze	Introduction to the Study of Law	Create & Share + Boost	\$ 328.00	154	\$ 50,512.00
Spring 2020	5100	U01	Carpenter	Criminal Law	Understanding Criminal Law Dressler Lexis Digital	\$ 39.00	66	\$ 2,574.00
Spring 2020	5400	U02	Mirow	Property	Global Issues in Property Law Sprankling West Academic	\$ 41.00	71	\$ 2,911.00
Spring 2020	6105	U01	Harper	Death Penalty Law	Understanding Capital Punishment Carter Lexis Digital	\$ 41.00	8	\$ 328.00
Spring 2020	6264	U10	Gomez, J.	Immigration Law	Understanding Immigration Law Lexis Digital	\$ 41.00	28	\$ 1,148.00
Spring 2020	6425	U01	Leiby	Construction Law	Florida Construction Law Manual Leiby Proview	\$ 401.08	10	\$ 4,010.80
Spring 2020	6862	U20	Weismann	Torts and Criminal Wrong Non-Lawyer	Concepts and Insights: Business Organization and Finance Klein Coffee West Academic	\$ 53.00	15	\$ 795.00
Spring 2020	5781	U01	Schulze	Legal Reasoning	Create & Share + Boost	\$ 328.00	26	\$ 8,528.00
Spring 2020	5781	U10	Lorenzo	Legal Reasoning	Create & Share + Boost	\$ 328.00	6	\$ 1,968.00
Spring 2020	6350	U01	Ruiz	Law & Procedure	Create & Share + Boost	\$ 328.00	63	\$ 20,664.00
Spring 2020	6350	U10	Ruiz	Law & Procedure	Create & Share + Boost	\$ 328.00	52	\$ 17,056.00
Summer 2020	6996	U01	Leiby	Domestic Arbitration	The College of Commercial Arbitrators Guide to the Best Practices in Commercial Arbitration (4th. ed. Juris, 2017) Juris	\$ 125.00	24	\$ 3,000.00
Summer 2020	6798	RVCC	Toft-Neilsen	Advanced Legal Research	Legal Research in a Nutshell West Academic	\$ 50.00	11	\$ 550.00
						Total	956	\$ 144,711.16

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE RESOURCES

In 2019-2020, FIU Law Library expanded its work with FIU Law's Academic Excellence Program, providing recommended and assigned programming through Wolters Kluwer's Create & Share + Boost Spaced Repetition products. see <https://libguides.law.fiu.edu/c.php?g=433809&p=6914664>. FIU Law Library acquired this resource at a substantial discount through this partnership, which is designed to continue indefinitely via the negotiated contract current in force. This new initiative ensures that all FIU Law students will enjoy access to the resource relied upon by AEP to ensure and maintain our student success and bar pass excellence.

In 2019-2020, students did not have to purchase this product out-of-pocket for the first time. As a result, students saved \$113,816.00 in out-of-pocket costs. The Law Library's agreement ensured a substantially lower cost of \$10,483.32 resulting in a return of investment of 985.69%:

Spaced Repetition			
Value Based on Enrollment	Students	MSRP Cost	Extended Value
	353	\$ 328.00	\$ 113,816.00
Law Library Package			
Yearly Cost			
12 months	\$ 10,483.32		\$ 10,483.32
		12 month Gain	\$ 103,332.68
		12 month ROI	985%

STUDY AIDS PROVIDED BY FIU LAW LIBRARY

Purchased in response to student need at the recommendation of Academic Excellence and doctrinal faculty, FIU Law Library provides access to West Academic Study Aids via the library's subscription to the Study Aid package. Comparing use statistics from 2018-2019 at 6,983 views to 2019-2020 at 14,017, use increased by 50%. West Academic Study Aids use resulted in an estimated value of \$123,600.00 to FIU Law students, utilizing the current out-of-pocket pricing structure at <https://www.westacademic.com/study-aids-collection>. The Law Library's negotiated rate is substantially lower - \$22,798.60 per year for the entire student body, resulting in a 442% return on investment:

West Academic Study Aids Package						
Out of Pocket Subscription Period	Multiplier	Unit Cost	Yearly Cost	Total Student Body	Extended Value	
1 month	12	\$ 30.00	\$ 360.00	515	\$ 185,400.00	
3 months	4	\$ 75.00	\$ 300.00	515	\$ 154,500.00	
12 months	1	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00	515	\$ 123,600.00	
Law Library Package		FTE	Unit Cost	Yearly Cost		
12 months		430	\$ 53.02	\$ 22,798.60	\$ 22,798.60	
					12 month Gain	\$ 100,801.40
					12 month ROI	442%

FIU Law Library acquired Lexis Digital Library through Technology Fee 16-143 support in collaboration with FIU Libraries in 2016. Through Technology Fee 19-050 Resource Enrichment for Law Student Success, Lexis Digital Libraries was renewed for three years; the 2019-2020 cost for Lexis Digital Libraries – Study Aids under the negotiated agreement was \$20,395.00. In 2019-2020, 120 study aid titles, including the Understanding, Questions & Answers, and Mastering Series, were checked out 2,045 times by law students, resulting in an estimated value of \$64,308.14, resulting in a return on investment of 215%:

Lexis Digital Libraries Study Aids			
Value Based on Checkouts	Checkouts	Average Per Title Cost	Extended Value
	2045	\$ 31.45	\$ 64,308.14
Law Library Package			
Yearly Cost			
12 months	\$ 20,395.00		\$ 20,395.00
		12 month Gain	\$ 43,913.14
		12 month ROI	215%