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Subject: Important Update for Faculty: eBook / Digital Course Materials Access for Fall 2025 Courses - Introducing

Kortext!

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IMPORTANT UPDATE – eBOOK ACCESS FOR FALL 2025 COURSES

Introducing Kortext

Dear Faculty,

I'm writing to update you on how students will access their eBooks and digital materials starting this Fall. Mt. SAC's bookstore partner, Follett Higher Education, is introducing **Kortext, a new eBook platform** that will improve the student and faculty experience with **digital course materials**.

What is Kortext?

Kortext is a leader in eBook delivery, trusted by over 7,000 campuses and 3 million students globally. The Kortext platform offers you and your students:

- Smarter study tools like shared annotations, interactive notetaking, and natural-sounding Alpowered text-to-speech.
- Anytime, anywhere access to learning materials with native apps for iOS, Android, Windows, and Mac, plus offline reading.
- Robust security and privacy, with in-country infrastructure, ISO 27001 certification, and compliance with state and federal regulations.

What does this mean for you and your students?

For Students: Students will purchase eBooks and digital course materials in store or online, just as they do today. Once purchased, students will access their materials in a familiar way—via a code on their receipt, an order status email, or a direct login at read.kortext.com. Students who participate in an ACCESS program will have their digital materials also available in the LMS using the "My Materials" link that is globally available in the LMS.

For Faculty: Faculty can continue selecting and assigning course materials as usual. ISBNs remain the same, and the content on Kortext will be the same.

Starting in the upcoming term, you will no longer need to copy the Brytewave LTI tool into your

courses. Our campus is moving to a globally accessible "My Materials" link that will provide all students with access to their content – whether it's hosted on Brytewave or Kortext.

How can I learn more about Kortext?

Please take a moment to review the following video that covers the key features of the Kortext platform: Kortext Introductory Video.

Additionally, we have curated a <u>series of articles</u> that go into more detail on each of the Kortext features.

How can I acquire a desk copy of my materials on Kortext?

Kortext desk copies are available within the bookstore adoption tool by searching for any title and choosing "Open Desk Copy." Step-by-step instructions are available on the <u>faculty help portal</u>.

If your course is participating in an ACCESS program, Follett will automatically provide desk copies of any materials adopted into the program. You will receive an email prior to the start of the term with instructions on how to access your materials.

Where should I go for help?

Follett support is available to assist you and your students with any issues by visiting support.follett.com.

CONTACT: Erik Guss, Campus Store Manager: <u>2324mgr@follett.com</u> | (909) 274-4475

We are excited about this improvement to the student learning environment. Thank you for your partnership in making this a success on campus!

Thank you, **Erik Guss** (he, him, his)

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