

Improvements to the Faculty Course Material Adoption Experience

Coming Fall and Spring 2024/25

As part of our commitment to supporting every step of the academic journey, we're **reimagining our course material adoption tool** to meet the evolving needs of faculty and department admins.

Read on to learn more!

How did Follett choose these improvements?

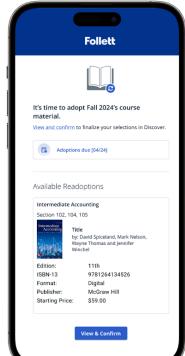
In November 2023, the Follett product team kicked off a research project with faculty and department administrators to redesign the adoption tool based on direct user feedback. We learned:

- Faculty wanted an easier way to submit previous adoptions.
- Faculty are interested in finding affordable alternatives to lower students' cost of materials while providing "lasting educational value."
- Faculty and administrators have a lot of their plate! They're looking for tools that prioritize speed and ease of use.

Read more about our user-based research that informed our enhancements to the adoption experience. Or watch the webinar!

What's changing for Fall 2024?

By October, faculty and department admins will have the option to use our improved experience in Follett Adopt (also known as "Discover") to submit/approve Spring adoptions. This new experience, which prioritizes transparency of course material details and a convenient readopt process, includes:



- 1. A cleaner, modern look-and-feel, to reduce time spent submitting adoptions.
- 2. One-click re-adopt –or, adopt new materials by ISBN.
- 3. Clearer course material details—highlighting price, format selection, affordable Access titles, and more.
- 4. Personalized email reminders to help faculty submit on-time adoptions.
- 5. No sign in/no passwords to remember—faculty are logged in via SSO.



Is the previous version of Discover going away?

The current version of Discover will continue to be available and accessible through 2024 and 2025, as more enhancements are released. Faculty and administrators can choose to use our improved process or navigate back to the current experience seamlessly through the banner shown at the top of the page.

These new changes are the first of many! We're excited to continue evolving our course adoption tool in response to feedback.

What changes are coming next?

We'll be rolling out enhancements continuously in the coming months, including:

- Improved search capabilities for finding course materials.
- Analytics dashboard that tracks progress of adoptions across departments.
- Streamlining the process for adoption approvals.
- Ability to copy adoptions from other terms and sections.
- Visibility of and selection of new editions of course materials.
- Greater clarity on savings applied to course materials as part of an Access program.

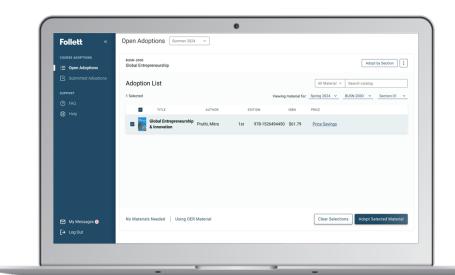
What training opportunities will be available to faculty and administrators?

Please encourage faculty to check out this <u>short video as a preview for the new experience</u>. We will be releasing short tutorial videos and guides in September to walk through key features. Remember: these enhancements were designed to be intuitive—minimal training is required to make adoptions faster and easier!

How do I stay up-todate with the latest enhancements?

We'll send email announcements as new updates are available. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your Follett representative at any time.

If a faculty member or administrator is interested in providing feedback, please encourage them to <u>share their thoughts</u> <u>here!</u> We're always looking for new ways to improve the adoption experience.



Thank you for your continued partnership!

The Follett Higher Education Team