I try to keep this class as affordable as possible. Unfortunately there’s a lot of truth in the adage “you get what you pay for.” In other words, if it’s free it’s probably not worth much. Life does provide us some exceptions, but a college course usually isn’t one.

For Physics 2A, you will need to buy:

- **Textbook for lecture.** One book. The cost should be somewhere between $5 and $400, depending on which version you choose and where you get it.
  
  *Bonus! We will use the same text for Physics 2B in the spring.*

- **Access to Webassign.com.** It’s $65 for “lifetime access” or $47 for one semester; the tradeoff is that we can use earlier editions of the text.

- **A cheap calculator** (if you don’t already have one.) The simple calculators that have trig functions but are non-programmable cost around $10. Or just look around the library; they’re so cheap people leave them there all the time.

- **Notebooks!** It’s entirely up to you how you take notes, but I would recommend at least one appropriate notebook for lab work. The lab notebooks are the smaller ones with the black cover, sewn binding, graph paper inside.

There is no lab manual to buy for Physics 2A; each week I will write either write and post a lab outline to my website, or I will simply introduce the lab procedure at the beginning of the lab session.

I haven’t visited the bookstore lately, but I know they usually have several items for sale related to Physics 2A that are labeled “recommended”. These items are recommended by the bookstore; the recommendation does not come from me. The bookstore recommendations are usually a good idea, but I want to clarify that I had nothing to do with them. *(Note: this is generally true of most of the items in the bookstore that are “recommended” for your courses: the recommendation comes from the bookstore, not necessarily from the instructor.)*