

1. What are Macmillan Explorers?

Macmillan Explorers provide university students and academics with unlimited access to high quality eTextbooks and resources for the duration of specific undergraduate degree programmes.

2. How are Explorers structured?

eTextbooks and resources are curated into groups aligned to key courses and areas of study that students will undertake during their undergraduate studies..

3. How many eTextbooks and resources are in the Explorers?

The number of eTextbooks and resources is different for each Explorer. As a guide, users can expect to find in the region of 200 relevant eTextbooks in each subject area.

4. Which degree programmes are Explorers available for?

Explorers are currently available for Computer Science and Politics. History and Literature will follow shortly, and several others will arrive in 2018

5. What are the benefits for academics and teaching staff?

- Supports requirements of the new Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)
- Have confidence students have unrestricted access to high quality learning resources
- Wealth of relevant resources encourages students to read more widely around subjects
- Mark up sections of text and easily share specific notes and instructions with all students
- Share links via email, VLE, etc. directly to specific pages within the eTextbooks
- Monitor student usage and engagement
- Add significant value for prospective students

6. What are the benefits for students?

- Instant access to comprehensive learning materials with a personal copy of every book
- Confidence the resources will be relevant throughout the entire degree programme
- Study anywhere, anytime – offline access available on up to four devices – Windows/iOS/Android/Kindle
- Save time and effort by automatically syncing notes, highlights and bookmarks automatically across all devices
- Keep track of, and share any notes by exporting to Microsoft OneNote

- Quickly create a review/revision plan by creating multiple bookmarks with one click
- Copy/paste passages for group work/assignments
- Ability to print section/pages if needed
- Additional learning support by viewing classmates' and instructor highlights/notes

7. I'm interested. How can I take a trial?

Contact your Macmillan Education Sales Representative directly, or submit the [Contact Us](#) form on the Explorers website. One our team will make contact with you ASAP.

8. How long does the free trial/pilot last?

We appreciate that running a trial for a whole department is an investment in resources and time. The free trial/pilots are scheduled to last until July 31st 2018.

This will allow users to get valuable use from the resources over the course of an academic year.

As part of the trial/pilot Macmillan Education would like to gather feedback from both academics and students. It is an essential part of ensuring the products are developed to meet all the requirements of users.

Feedback may take the form or online surveys, focus groups and interviews.

9. How do students and academics access the Explorers?

Users gain access with their institution credentials using a Single Sign On (SSO) engine. There is no need to create additional usernames and passwords

10. How do we set up access using SSO?

Macmillan Education will need to work with a designated person at the institution. We will need to know the institution Shibboleth or Open Athens Entity ID. As part of this process the email addresses of each user need to be included in the XML file that is generated.

11. How long do users have access for?

Subscriptions run for a 12 month period. Discounts are applicable for multi-year subscriptions. See – 12. How much does a subscription cost?

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[Academic, teaching and administrative staff:](#)

Free of charge

Students

- **12 month subscription** — equivalent of £x.xx, a month per student. Access is free for 2 months in July and August each year.
- **24 month subscription** — equivalent of £x.xx a month, per student. Access is free for 2 months in July and August each year.
- **36 month subscription** — equivalent of £x.xx a month, per student. Access is free for 2 months in July and August each year.

13. Does the content change regularly?

New titles and new editions of eTextbooks will be added and updated annually on August 1st each calendar year. A listing of all changes will be available for users.

14. What if the university library already has some of the eTextbooks available?

Macmillan Explorers offer a much richer experience to support teaching and learning than the eBooks that are available to libraries.

A specific discount structure is in place to ensure that no institution pays twice for the same content that is available via a library eBook collection or service.

15. How can I tell if the Explorer is being used?

Macmillan Education will provide usage reports on a regular basis. These will show which books are being accessed the most, and how often.

We are working to develop a self-serve reporting dashboard that institutions will be able to access directly, whenever they require this information.