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STEP 1:

You'll access and activate your course materials through **My Courses Dashboard** in Brightspace. The first time you do this, you'll need to create a VitalSource Bookshelf account. Be sure to use your Algonquinlive email address when creating your VitalSource Bookshelf account.

STEP 2:

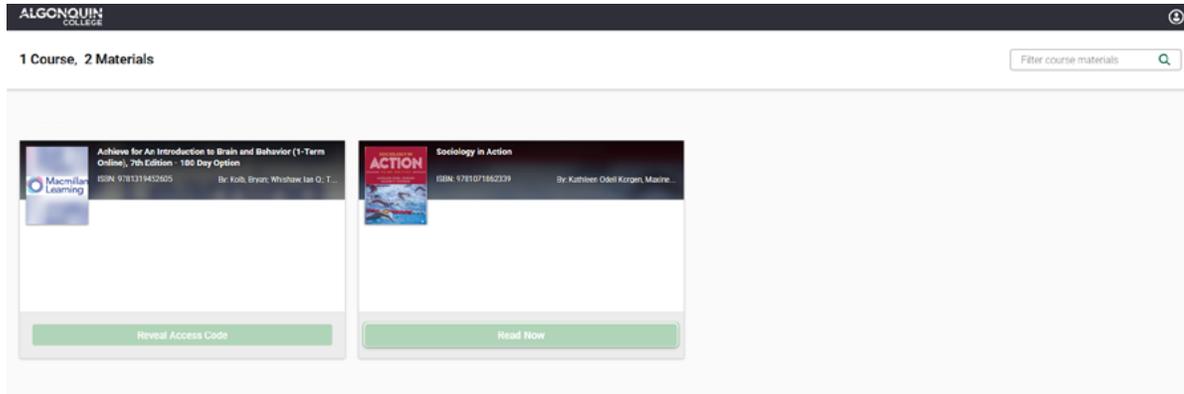
Once activated, you can read and interact with your eTextbooks using **VitalSource Bookshelf** on your computer or other devices.

ACCESSING MY COURSES DASHBOARD

1. Log in to **Brightspace** using your **Algonquin student email and password**.
2. Open one of your courses.
3. In the course navigation bar, click **Tools**.
4. Select **VitalSource Materials**.

The screenshot shows the Brightspace course dashboard for '25F_LAW0032L_300 Real Estate Procedures'. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Algonquin College logo, the course title, and icons for home, search, chat, notifications, and settings. Below the navigation bar is a course navigation menu with options: Course Home, Content, Course Outline, Calendar, Activities, Grades, Progress, Tools, and Help. The main content area features a large banner image of a forested mountain range with the course title overlaid. Below the banner, there are three main sections: 1. Announcements: A post titled 'Final exam information, Feedback on Assignment #2' by Victoria Barney, dated Dec 11, 2025 7:44 AM. The text of the announcement reads: 'Good morning all, Just a quick note on the Real Estate Final exam. Students can check out the Week 14 folder which contains a powerpoint detailing the chapters students should focus on as well as the final exam announcement. A reminder that students should bring a calculator (students cannot use their phones) as there are 2 calculation questions (the MC/TF questions have been reduced to 60 from 70). Students can also practice using the Kahoot reviews in this folder. Also, for Assienment #2. I am still in the process of marking them. I will be on'. 2. Calendar: A section showing the current date as 'Friday, December 19, 2025' and a dropdown for 'Upcoming events' which currently displays 'There are no events to display.'. 3. Updates: A section with a dropdown arrow.

You will be redirected to **My Courses Dashboard**, where all course materials linked to your courses are listed.

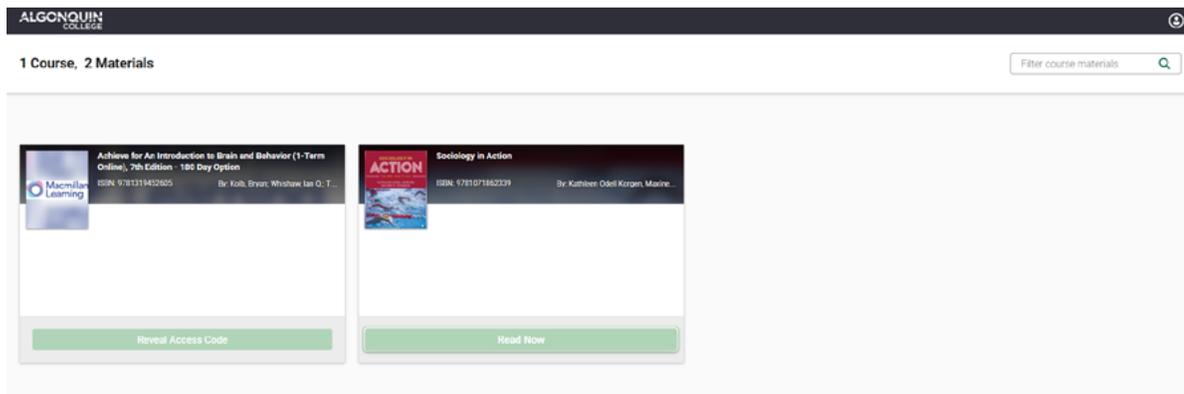


What You'll See

- Materials for the course you opened will appear **first**.
- Other materials are listed by **most recently accessed**, then alphabetically.
- If no materials are available, you'll see this message: *"You currently have no materials associated with this course."*

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR eTEXTBOOK

1. Find your eBook in **My Courses Dashboard**.
2. Click **Read Now**.



First Time Only: Create Your Account

If this is your first time clicking **Read Now**, you'll be asked to create a **VitalSource Bookshelf account**.

1. Use your **Algonquin student email**.
2. Create a password.
3. Check the box to agree to the **Terms of Use and Privacy Policy**.
4. Click **Create Account**.

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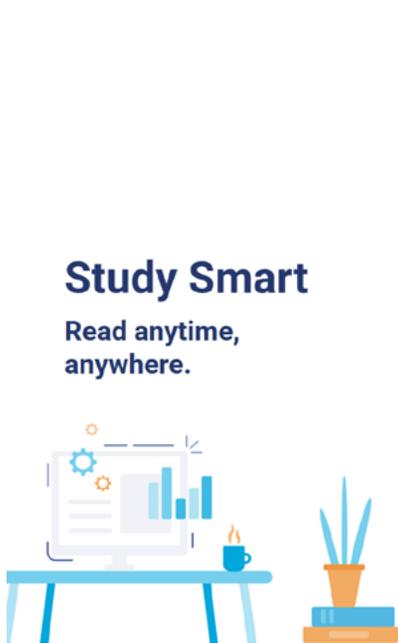
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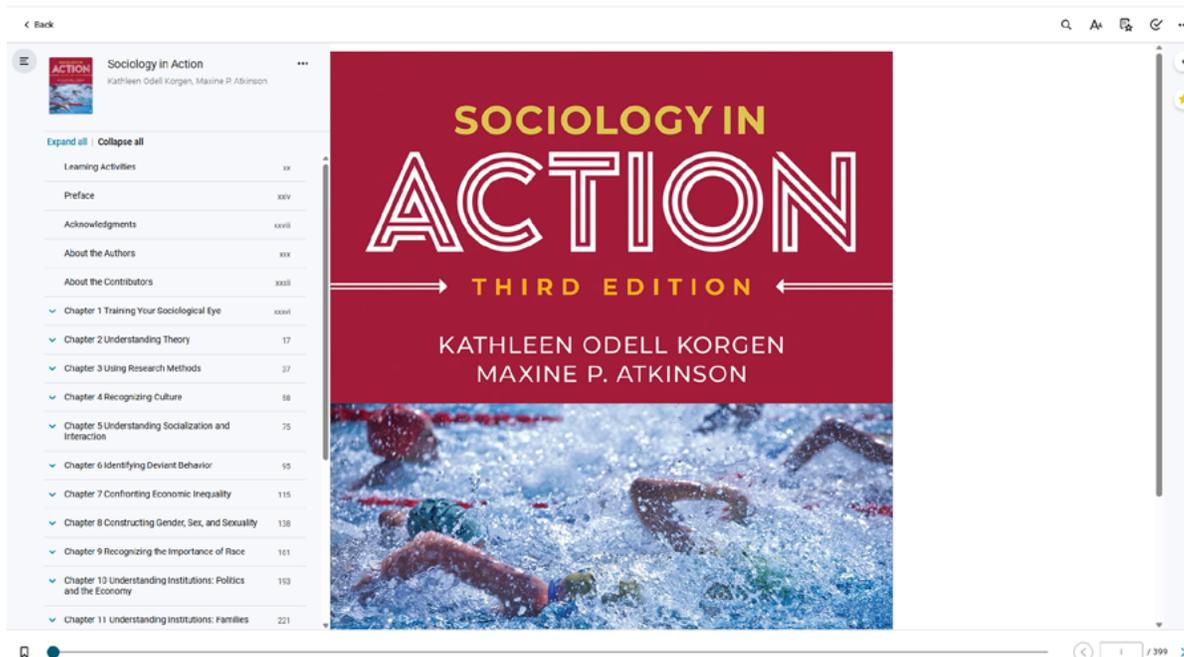
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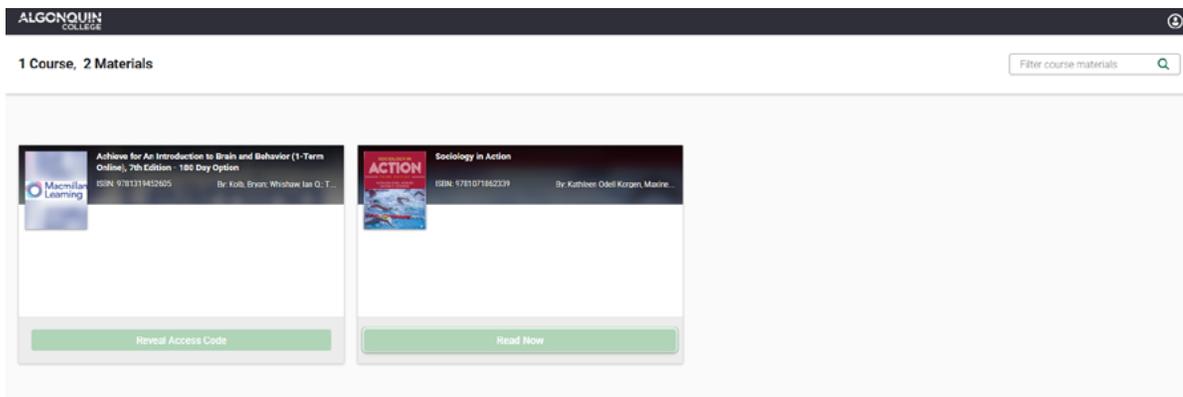
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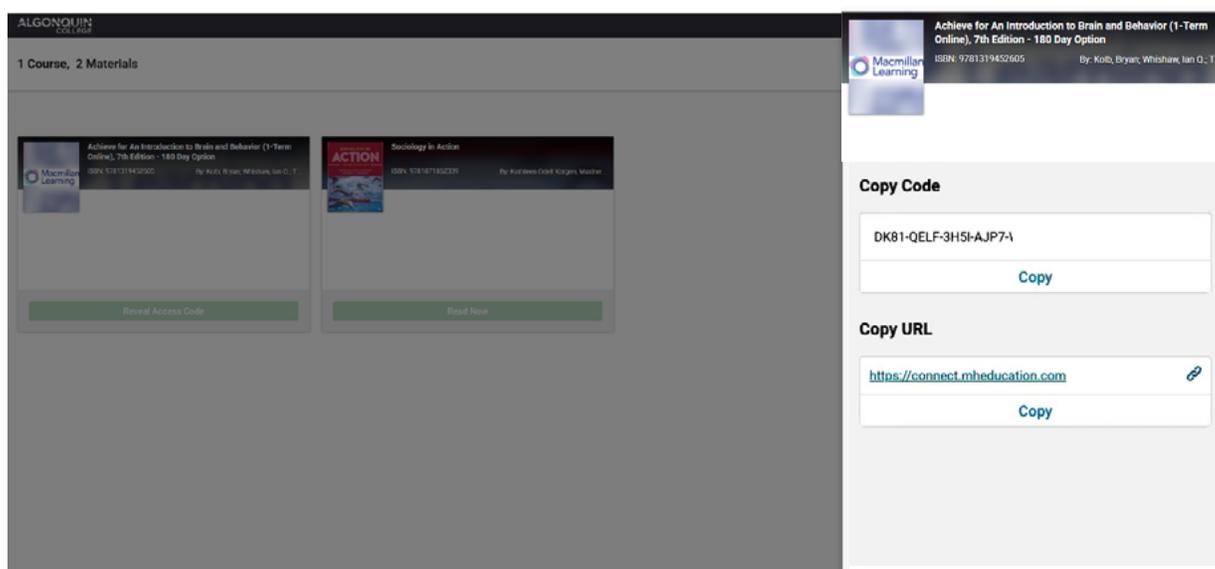
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1. Find your eBook in **My Courses Dashboard**.
2. Click **Reveal Access Code**.



3. Your access code and a publisher website link will appear on the right side of the screen.
4. Copy the code, then click the link to open the eBook on the publisher's website or follow the link provided by your instructor in Brightspace.

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