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If you only need the buying answer: the 180-day digital access is the cheapest route in this snapshot. Rental is close to the current paperback, while the long-term digital option is higher. That means print is not the cheapest short-term path, but it is still reasonably priced if you expect the book to stay useful after the course ends.

## Current price comparison

Format	Source	Price	Link
Paperback	Merybook	\$86.99	<a href="#">Check price</a>
Semester rental	eCampus	\$84.99	<a href="#">Check price</a>
Digital access (180 days)	eCampus	\$54.96	<a href="#">Check price</a>
Digital access (1825 days)	eCampus	\$107.99	<a href="#">Check price</a>

## What this book actually teaches

*Human Communication in Society* is a foundation text about interpersonal, group, public, and mediated communication in social context. The book matters because it helps readers connect communication theory to real interaction, relationships, institutions, and civic life rather than treating communication as a set of isolated speaking tips.

For some students, that makes the text worth keeping, especially if later communication courses are ahead. For others, the need is short and course-specific. That difference is what should drive the format decision here.

## When print is still worth buying

The honest cheapest route is the 180-day digital access. But the current paperback is almost identical to rental and lower than the long-term digital option, so ownership is still defensible if you want a book you can annotate and keep for later communication

study.

I would lean toward digital for a one-course need. I would lean toward print for communication majors or readers who expect to revisit foundational interpersonal, group, and public communication ideas later.

## **Sources checked**

- [eCampus rental check](#)
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- [long-term digital access check](#)