

# MindTap® for Criminal Justice at Texas Christian University

## What features/tools do students love about MindTap?

William “Bill” Mathis, who teaches Introduction to Criminal Justice at Texas Christian University (TCU), gives high marks to MindTap® Criminal Justice, as do his students. The textbook they used was *Criminal Justice in Action* by Larry K. Gaines and Roger LeRoy Miller. In essays written about their experience with MindTap in this class, students praised a number of features and tools. The top three cited were Search, Flashcards, and ReadSpeaker.

### Search

This tool **saved me time** that would have been spent flipping through pages searching for definitions.

One of the most useful tools for me on MindTap was the search app. All I had to do was type in a specific phrase or word and MindTap would pull up every section in the textbook that contained, or even partially contained the word I wanted to search. This was **especially useful** for completing the study guides.

This feature saves time when studying so that I can **focus more on the actual information** instead of flipping through a million pages to find what I want.

This feature **made it simple to study** for the tests and get to know certain parts of the text better.

### Flashcards

The pre-made flash cards allowed me to cut out a large chunk of time from my studying process, which **gave me more time to focus** on other components of the course material.

With pre-made flash cards, **studying becomes exponentially easier**.

Another feature I like is the key term flash cards, which saves me a lot of time from having to make my own. **MindTap takes the “busy work” out of studying** and allows me to maximize my time studying important material.

I used the flashcard before almost every quiz, and definitely every test. **They helped immensely** in preparing for exams.

MindTap provided me with a **quick and efficient** place to go to in order to learn the key terms for the quizzes and tests throughout the semester.

### ReadSpeaker

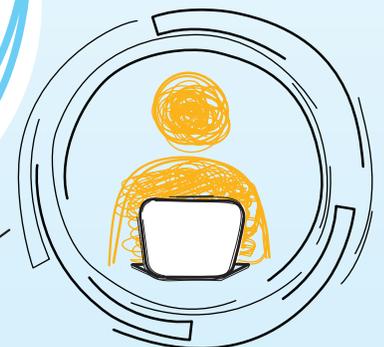
There were several instances when I was multitasking or just too tired to focus on reading but **I could still listen**.

Having another person read it to me aloud **made it easier** for me to focus on exactly what I was reading about.

**This was very useful** for me during times when I was overwhelmed with schoolwork and no longer had the energy or motivation to read.

The text-read tool **helped me** during times when I needed to both hear and read a sentence at the same time to comprehend the concept being explained.

For someone with dyslexia like myself, this feature **saved so much time**.



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## Highlighting/My Notes

The highlighting tool was beneficial because it **helped me keep track** of the concepts I felt were important, and stored them all in one place.

It was **a useful tool** when reading the chapter for the first time. You can pick at all the important parts of the book and they will already be transferred over to the notes.

MindTap **allows students to process information better** because it gives you the option of highlighting text that you believe is important, bookmarking pages, and taking notes.

The highlighting tool MindTap offers is an **extremely useful** tool when studying for exams.

The highlight tool **comes in handy** especially in preparation for exams when I need to find information on the study guides quickly.

## Glossary/Dictionary

It **gives the student more help** without the need of having to search in many different places.

It is **much faster** than opening a new window, Google searching for the dictionary, and typing the word in question into the online dictionary.

The **glossary is also a nice touch**, when studying for a vocabulary quiz, I can look in the glossary to get the exact definition instead of having to search for the word or go through all of the flashcards until I find it.

While going through the textbook, if there was a word that I was unclear on or just did not understand I was able to go to the dictionary and type it in. This **saved me time** because I did not have to open a new window and go to a separate website.

## E-book/In General

One of my favorite things about MindTap was the fact that it provided us with an online copy of the book. Going into the course, I didn't realize that MindTap included a book so I ordered the textbook and MindTap. I used both to study, but I **found the online MindTap textbook to be more useful**.

The ebook provided a mobile and **easily accessible** textbook for students who have laptops and smartphones with them wherever they are. Whenever I have a spare moment I could listen to the textbook with text speak and do my homework assignments on-the-go.

The MindTap is **much less stressful** than other ways to study by just being easier to access anywhere, especially since in today's society technology is a part of everyday use.

“I found MindTap to be more beneficial than most online programs because of its resources that enhance studying and understanding.”

— TCU Student

