

What Meal Plans are available for 2021-2022?

Students living in campus housing are required to be on a traditional meal plan, unless they live in an apartment or the Homestead.

Students required to be on a meal plan may select one of the five traditional meal plans:

- BIG RED, THE HILL, OLMSTED, WEST LOOP and WEST COLLEGE

Students living in meal-optional housing (apartments and Homestead) may still opt to be on a meal plan. In addition to the five traditional plans, they may choose from these two Apartment Alternative Plans:

- 1831 and THE RESERVE

Seniors who are graduating Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 who are **not** living in an apartment or the Homestead are required to be on a meal plan. However, they may select from any of the seven meal plans offered.

Traditional Meal Plans - Available to All Students

	<i>Flex Dollars per semester</i>	<i>Dining Hall Meals per semester</i>	<i>Approximate Meals per Week (on average)</i>	<i>Cost per semester</i>
BIG RED	\$150 <i>Flex Dollars</i>	Unlimited access to Dining Halls + 30 Swipes for Special Evening Meal Options at Slayter	Unlimited	\$3,280
THE HILL	\$1,905 <i>Flex Dollars</i>	0	16	\$3,100
OLMSTED	\$1,665 <i>Flex Dollars</i>	0	14	\$2,925
WEST LOOP	\$430 <i>Flex Dollars</i>	10 Meal Swipes/week	14	\$2,925
WEST COLLEGE	\$1,430 <i>Flex Dollars</i>	0	12	\$2,745

Apartment Alternative Meal Plans - Available only to Apartment/Homestead dwellers and to any Senior graduating Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 (regardless of their housing assignment)

	<i>Flex Dollars per semester</i>	<i>Approximate Meals per Week (on average)</i>	<i>Cost per semester</i>
1831	\$1,480 <i>Flex Dollars</i>	12	\$1,735
THE RESERVE	\$1,310 <i>Flex Dollars</i>	11	\$1,555

Unused meals roll week to week and expire at the end of semester

Flex Dollars roll Fall to Spring (Board-optional housing residents may elect "No Plan" for Spring and use unspent Fall Flex Dollars. For all other housing residents, unspent Fall Flex Dollars will be added to their Spring Flex Dollar balance) and expire at end of academic year

Meal Plans are NOT transferable to other students or guests

Understanding the meal plans:

Flex Dollars : All plans have a specific amount of *Flex Dollars* for the student to use. As the student uses *Flex Dollars* for purchases, the balance declines. *Flex Dollars* not used during Fall semester will roll to the student's Spring semester meal plan. Unused *Flex Dollars* are forfeited at the end of the academic year.

Students use their *Flex Dollars* to purchase meals at various venues on campus. Each meal has an associated price. This price is discounted at Curtis, Huffman and the Nest when purchased using a meal plan. For 2021-2022, the rates for meal plan participants are as follows:

- Curtis and Huffman Dining halls: \$6.75 for Breakfast; \$7.75 for Lunch; \$8.75 for Dinner (\$9.75 for Special/Holiday Dinners)
- The Nest: \$8.75 for Dinner - Select Menu Items (\$9.75 for Special/Holiday Dinners)
- Slayter Market: Retail prices, based upon selection

The "Unlimited Access" Plan

BIG RED

This plan allows the student to access Curtis and Huffman dining halls an unlimited number of times each semester. In addition, up to 30 times each semester, the student can opt to have their evening meal at Slayter by choosing from a select number of *Big Red Bundle Special Meal Option* menu items. Dining hall and *Big Red Bundle Special Meal Option* accesses do not affect the *Flex Dollars* balance for BIG RED plan participants (accesses are non-transferrable, and cannot be used for guests). The plan also includes \$150 *Flex Dollars* which will allow the student some additional flexibility throughout the semester.

Declining Balance Plans

Each of the declining-balance meal plans have a specific amount of *Flex Dollars* the student uses to purchase all their on-campus meals. These plans provide the most flexibility. However, they also require the student to plan and monitor their spending (the [Dining Plan Spending Guide](#) will help with planning).

THE HILL (Default First-Year Plan)

The plan includes \$1,905 *Flex Dollars*. Students should average about 16 meals per week using this plan.

OLMSTED

The plan includes \$1,665 *Flex Dollars*. Students should average about 14 meals per week using this plan.

WEST LOOP

This plan combines the flexibility of the declining balance concept with the more traditional dining hall experience. The plan includes \$430 *Flex Dollars* and 10 meal swipes per week. Dining hall meal swipes do not affect the *Flex Dollars* balance. Students should average about 14 meals per week using this plan.

WEST COLLEGE

The plan includes \$1,430 *Flex Dollars*. Students should average about 12 meals per week using this plan.

Apartment Alternative Declining Balance Plans

These declining-balance plans are priced to encourage apartment dwellers to continue participation in a meal plan. Seniors who are graduating Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 who are **not** living in an apartment or the Homestead (thus are required to be on a meal plan) may choose from 1831, THE RESERVE, BIG RED, THE HILL, OLMSTED, WEST LOOP or WEST COLLEGE.

1831

The plan includes \$1,480 *Flex Dollars* . Students should average about 12 meals per week using this plan.

THE RESERVE

The plan includes \$1,310 *Flex Dollars* . Students should average about 11 meals per week using this plan.

See the [Dining Services](#) website for additional information about the meal plans and dining services.

Denison Dollars

Meal plans can be supplemented at any time with Denison Dollars, which are purchased online or through Student Accounts. Any unused Denison Dollars will carry over from semester to semester and year to year. Provided there are no outstanding debts to the college, any unspent Denison Dollars can be refunded at the end of any academic year upon written request to Student Accounts.

How do I change my meal plan?

Students are enrolled in the meal plan they chose during the housing selection registration. Students not enrolled at Denison during the prior semester are placed on THE HILL.

Students may make changes to their meal plan choice through the first two weeks of the semester using an online process through their mydenison portal (for questions about the online process contact Student Housing Operations & Planning). Changes may be made online up to four times during those two weeks. However, please note that changes made on or after registration day will have financial implications, as students are charged an appropriate daily amount for each plan, and these vary.

Information provided by: Student Accounts