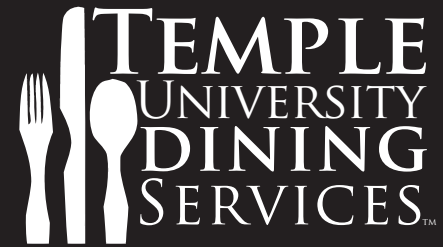


Frequently Asked Questions



Can Commuters get meal plans?

Yes! We have Meal Plans design for ALL students, especially for commuters! We offer a wide range of meal plans ranging from 10, 8, 5 meals a week to 45, 30, 15 block meals a semester. Our Premium Meal plans have been created to allow commuters to use their meal when they want.

Can I upgrade or downgrade my meal plan?

Yes, of course! We understand the need to adjust your meal plan after you get to school and settle into a routine. Your meal plan can be upgraded at any time from the MyHousing web portal application, and can be downgraded from the same site only once. The downgrade must take place before the start of the third week of the semester. www.tudining.com and follow the link "Sign up for a meal Plan" to upgrade or downgrade meal plan.

Do my meals roll over from week to week?

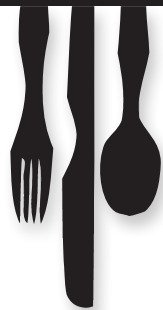
Most of our meal plans are based on a weekly schedule and reset every Sunday night; therefore these meals do not roll over. This gives us an accurate and consistent estimate of the food needed to be prepared at each of our locations from week to week. Meal plans that are called "block" plans are based on a semester schedule, and may work better for some students not living in on-campus residence halls.

What is the difference between a meal plan and Diamond Dollars?

Diamond Dollars are just like having a bank account with Temple, with your Owl Card acting as a debit card at many locations on and around campus. Diamond Dollars are tax-free and stay with you throughout your Temple career. Using a meal is also tax free and able to be used at all Temple Dining Services locations (See Map for locations). Meal Plans allow you to budget your meals during a semester. Most of our Meal Plans even come with Diamond Dollars to add additional flexibility.

What is the Meal Equivalency Program?

The Meal Equivalency Program is designed to allow students to use their Meal Plan in a Retail Location setting, the Valaida S. Walker Food Court along with all of our Satellite locations around campus, uses this program. What it means is that when you use a "Meal Swipe" at any of these locations it has been given a monetary value depending on the meal period. For example, the Lunch period Meal Equivalency is worth \$7.35, this means you can go into any of our retail locations and purchase any items up to \$7.35. If you by chance go over the allotted amount, let's say \$.65. Your total bill would be \$8.00. Using your Meal, it would pay for \$7.35 and then you can use Diamond Dollars, Cash or credit to cover the \$.65 you went over.



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What are the Meal Equivalency Values?

Breakfast: \$5.70
Brunch (weekends 11:00-4:30): \$7.35
Lunch: \$7.35
Late Lunch (Mon-Fri 2:30-4:30): \$7.85
Dinner: \$7.35
Fourth Meal: \$7.35

Do you have Combos to fit into the Meal Equivalency Value?

Most of our Retail locations have Combos created so that students using their meal plan can get a complete meal without going over the Meal Equivalency Value.

What is late lunch?

Late Lunch Bonus is part of the "Lunch" meal period. It gives the students an extra \$.50 at our Retail locations that use the Meal Equivalency Program. We offer the Late Lunch Bonus between 2:30-4:30. A meal used during Late Lunch Bonus still counts as a lunch, therefore you cannot swipe for lunch *and* late lunch, unless you have a premium meal plan.

How do you specify to use a meal or to use Diamond Dollars at the register?

Our cashiers understand that many students want to use different methods of payment, and will often times ask you what method you would like to use. If not, however, you can just tell the cashier how you would like to pay for your purchase.

Do you offer guest meals?

Yes, we offer Guest Meal Plans for 5 meals per semester or 10 meals per semester. If you have a Premium Meal Plan, however, you can use multiple meals at a time, allowing you to purchase a meal for a guest without purchasing an additional Guest Meal Plan.

When do meals reset?

After Fourth Meal on Sunday night, your weekly meal allowance resets.

