

What Meal Plans are available for 2016-2017?

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 or 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 2016 or Spring 2017 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>	Approximate Meals per Week	Cost per semester
BIG RED	\$100 <i>Flex Dollars</i>	Unlimited access to the Dining Halls + 30 Special Meal Options at Slayter	\$2,845
THE HILL	\$1,745 <i>Flex Dollars</i>	16 meals per week (on average)	\$2,690
OLMSTED	\$1,475 <i>Flex Dollars</i>	14 meals per week (on average)	\$2,535
WEST LOOP	\$420 <i>Flex Dollars</i>	150 meals 14 meals per week (on average)	\$2,535
WEST COLLEGE	\$1,310 <i>Flex Dollars</i>	12 meals per week (on average)	\$2,380

Apartment Alternative Meal Plans - Available only to Apartment dwellers and to any Senior graduating Fall 2016 or Spring 2017 (regardless of their housing assignment)

	Flex Dollars per semester	Approximate Meals per Week	Cost per semester
1831	\$1,360 <i>Flex Dollars</i>	12 meals per week (on average)	\$1,500
THE RESERVE	\$1,190 <i>Flex Dollars</i>	11 meals per week (on average)	\$1,345

Unused meal plans expire at the end of semester.

Flex Dollars roll Fall to Spring (even if board-optional housing resident elects "No Plan" for Spring) **and expire at end of academic year**

Meal Plans are NOT transferable to other students or guests

Flex Dollars cannot be used at Slayter 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

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 2016-2017, the rates for meal plan participants are as follows:

- Curtis and Huffman Dining halls: \$6 for Breakfast; \$7 for Lunch; \$8 for Dinner (\$9 for Special/Holiday Dinners)
- The Nest: \$8 for Dinner - Select Menu Items (\$9 for Special/Holiday Dinners)
- Slayter Market: Retail prices, based upon selection
 - **Meal plan purchases are not available at Slayter Monday-Friday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
- 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 *Special Meal Option* menu items. Dining hall and *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 \$100 *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* that 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 \$1745 *Flex Dollars*. Students should average about 16 meals per week using this plan.

OLMSTED

The plan includes \$1,475 *Flex Dollars*. Students should average about 14 meals per week using this plan.

WEST LOOP

The plan includes 150 meals \$420 *Flex Dollars*. Students should average about 14 meals per week using this plan.

WEST COLLEGE

The plan includes \$1,310 *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 2016 or Spring 2017 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 \$1,360 *Flex Dollars*. Students should average about 12 meals per week using this plan.

THE RESERVE

The plan includes \$1,190 *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 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. 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.

Students may change their Meal Plan option by returning a completed Meal Plan Sign-Up Form to the Office of Residential Education and Housing. Residential Education and Housing places Meal Plan Sign-Up Forms in student Slayter boxes in late August for Fall semester and in January for Spring semester (also may be obtained from the Housing Coordinator). Please contact the Housing Coordinator in the Office of [Residential Education and Housing](#) with questions about the meal plan sign-up form.

Information provided by: Student Accounts