All students living on campus are required to purchase meal plans. We offer a variety of options to make sure you’re getting the most out of our dining program.

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How Does It Work?

There are five meal plan options that include Meal Equivalencies and Declining Balance dollars. The plans are billed to your account each semester you live on campus. Housing will send you a link to choose your plan over the summer. You can change your meal plan before the 3rd day of the semester (Wednesday, August 23, 2017). If you do not choose a plan by August 23, you will receive the default plan of 21 meals each week with a $75 Declining Balance. Note: Neither meals nor Declining Balance carry over to your meal plan before the 3rd DAY of the semester (August 23rd). If you do not choose a plan by August 19, you will receive the default plan of 21 meals each week with a $75 Declining Balance.

Make a Plan

21 Meals + $75.00
Enjoy 21 meals per week and $75 in Declining Balance. Of the 21 meals, 5 can be used as a Meal Equivalency at a retail location.

14 Meals + $200.00
Enjoy 14 meals per week and $200 in Declining Balance. Of the 14 meals, 3 can be used as a Meal Equivalency at a retail location.

10 Meals + $400.00
Enjoy 10 meals per week and $400 in Declining Balance. Of the 10 meals, 3 can be used as a Meal Equivalency at a retail location.

7 Meals + $600.00
Enjoy 7 meals per week and $600 in Declining Balance. Of the 7 meals, 3 can be used as a Meal Equivalency at a retail location.

200 Meals + $300.00
Enjoy 200 meals per semester and $300 in Declining Balance. Of the 200 meals, 20 can be used as a Meal Equivalency at a retail location. These 200 meals can be used at anytime during the semester.

Explaning Declining Balance and Meal Equivalencies

Declining Balance is attached to each meal plan and works like a debit card; allowing you the flexibility to purchase from the entire menu selection at any retail location. Meal Equivalencies are used when you do not wish to eat at our main location - Brown Dining Hall. These Meal Equivalencies can be used to purchase certain meal items at Highsmith Union Food Court, Rosetta’s Kitchenette, and The Down Under. Like the standard meals, they do not roll over from semester to semester, so use them wisely. You can purchase more Declining Balance anytime during the semester by visiting us online at www.dineoncampus.com/unca or by stopping by our offices on the second floor of Brown Hall. Resident students have the option to purchase additional declining balance in any increment at a 15% discount.

Purchasing the Right Plan

We suggest you purchase a meal plan that most closely reflects the number of meals you eat each day and remember that the retail outlets where Declining Balance is used reflect retail prices. The 21 Meals + $75 plan is the best value considering it offers more meals in the dining hall, but the plans with larger Declining Balance amounts offer more flexibility. Be mindful and choose the plan that’s right for you!
UNC Asheville Dining Services works diligently to meet the needs of our guests with food allergies. We want to help all of our students to balance their diets, eat safely, and feel comfortable in our dining facilities.

Students with allergies, restrictions, and those needing special attention may require additional care from dining services staff. Our on-campus registered dietitian and other dietary staff work together to provide the following services:

- One on one dietary evaluation and education to meet individual needs
- Meet with culinary team to discuss meal options and preferences
- Communicate changes, staff training, updates, and information to students

If you have any dietary concerns, please contact our Registered Dietitian, Laura Sexton, by email at LSexton@unca.edu or call 828-250-3850.