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CULINARY SERVICES

MEAL PLAN GUIDE | 24-25



Choose Less Stress

Our dining program was created with you in mind! Temple Culinary Services provides a range of delicious and healthy options with meal plans that nourish your campus experience.



New This Fall

Temple Culinary Services is excited to announce the following enhancements for the fall semester:

- We've added **guest meals** to select meal plans allowing you to treat friends and family exclusively at Esposito Dining Center in Johnson and Hardwick Halls.
- We've added a new brand to our already-robust retail lineup, **The Halal Shack** at the Howard Gittis Student Center Food Court. The location will be open Monday through Sunday for lunch and dinner and will accept meal equivalency.
- We've refreshed the **Chick-fil-A**® at the Howard Gittis Student Center Food Court and expanded the menu to include mac and cheese as a side option.
- We've added to our lineup of **Diamond General Express** cashierless vending machines, adding two to the entrance of the Morgan Hall North residence hall.

Special Diets

Temple Culinary Services provides an array of food options to accommodate a variety of lifestyles, dietary needs, and restrictions – including vegan/vegetarian, gluten-free, halal, and kosher. Students seeking special dietary accommodations and/or nutritional advice are encouraged to reach out to our on-site dietitian at TempleUDietitian@aramark.com to schedule a consultation.

Know Your Perks

What is a meal swipe?

Meal swipes are meals included in your meal plan, which can be used two ways:

- to enjoy **all-you-care-to-eat dining** at Esposito Dining Center in Johnson and Hardwick Halls
- as **meal equivalency**, a credit toward the purchase of à la carte food items at select retail locations (excluding coffee and convenience outlets)

How much is a meal swipe worth when used as meal equivalency?

When used as meal equivalency, the value of a meal varies by meal period:

- **During breakfast** (from open until 10:59 a.m.): \$7.60
- **During lunch** (11:00 a.m. to 3:59 p.m.), **dinner** (4:00 p.m. to 7:59 p.m.), and **4th meal** (8:00 p.m. to close): \$10.50

A second meal swipe, cash, or credit can be used to cover any remaining balance.

How often can I use a meal swipe?

You can use a **single meal swipe** in our **all-you-care-to-eat dining location** and **up to 2 meal swipes per transaction** in **retail settings** (excluding coffee and convenience outlets) with a **maximum meal swipe allowance of 4 meals per meal period** – until the limit included in your meal plan is met.

Find Your Fit

Meal Plan	Meal Swipes	Guest Meals per Semester	Price per Semester
Unlimited	Residential: Unlimited Retail: Up to 21 per week	5	\$2,584
Weekly 15	Residential and/or Retail: Up to 15 per week	5	\$2,432
Weekly 12	Residential and/or Retail: Up to 12 per week	5	\$2,217
Weekly 10	Residential and/or Retail: Up to 10 per week	3	\$1,895
Weekly 5*	Residential and/or Retail: Up to 5 per week	-	\$982
Block 100*	Residential and/or Retail: Up to 100 per semester	-	\$1,175
Block 50*	Residential and/or Retail: Up to 50 per semester	-	\$620

*Reserved for returning and off-campus students.

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When does my weekly meal swipe balance reset? How can I check my balance?

Your weekly meal swipe balance resets **each Sunday at 12:01 a.m.** You can verify your balance on the *TUportal*, *TUmobile* app, or *Transact eAccounts* app.

Can I change my meal plan?

You have until the **meal plan changes deadline** each semester to modify your meal plan selection. To do so, visit *MyHousing* within the *TUportal*.

- **September 9, 2024 (Fall)**
- **January 27, 2025 (Spring)**

Am I allowed to treat friends or family to a meal using my meal plan?

If your meal plan includes **guest meals**, you can use them to treat others to a meal exclusively at Esposito Dining Center in Johnson and Hardwick Halls. Otherwise, you're welcome to treat friends and family to a meal using **cash** or **credit** at any of our campus dining locations.

Questions?

Visit our website at temple.campusdish.com or email us at aramark@temple.edu.

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Dive Into the Details

What is a meal plan?

A meal plan unlocks delicious meals, coffee, snacks, and more at Temple Culinary Services locations across main campus. Each meal plan includes *meal swipes* that are conveniently preloaded onto one's *OWLcard* or mobile wallet.

- **Weekly meal plans** provide a weekly allowance of meal swipes, resetting each Sunday at 12:01 a.m.
- **Block meal plans** provide a bundle of meal swipes, which expire at the end of the semester

Who is required to purchase a meal plan?

- **New students** (*first-year and transfer*) with housing contracts on main campus are required to purchase a weekly meal plan with a minimum of 10 meals per week. If no meal plan is chosen, the *Weekly 12* will be assigned by default for *both* the fall and spring semesters.
- **Returning and off-campus students** are not required to purchase a meal plan but are encouraged to do so as a means of enriching their campus experience. Although we created the *Weekly 5* and block meal plans with these groups in mind, any meal plan offered would be the perfect complement to the commuter experience.

How do I choose a meal plan?

Personal eating habits, class schedule, and leisure activities should all be considered when choosing a meal plan. If you are accustomed to eating three full meals a day, or prefer to eat small meals throughout the day, our *Unlimited* plan may be for you. If you tend to skip breakfast, eating only two meals a day, a meal plan with less meal swipes will be a better choice.

How do I purchase a meal plan?

To purchase a meal plan, log into *MyHousing* through the *TUportal*. All meal plans must be paid for via tuition billing.

Does my meal plan selection carry over from fall to spring?

- **Students required to purchase a meal plan** will make both their fall and spring meal plan selections in summer, prior to the fall/spring meal plan selection deadline. They are then able to make changes to their selection prior to the meal plan changes deadline each semester.
- **Students not required to purchase a meal plan** are able to sign up for a meal plan at any time. We encourage students to make their selection as early as possible. Only the cost of weekly meal plans can be prorated when purchased after the start of the semester.

How do I cancel my meal plan?

Students may apply for a release from the Dining Services Agreement with supporting documentation stating the reason for their release request. Releases are only considered for medical and/or religious reasons. Requests are reviewed and decided by the University on a case-by-case basis. If a student's request for release is denied, they will remain responsible for all fees associated with their meal plan, whether used or not.

- **To apply for a release**, log into *MyHousing* via the *TUportal*.
- **For questions about meal plan cancellations**, please contact Ms. Trina Slaffey at tslaffey@temple.edu or visit University Housing and Residential Life during normal business hours, from Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The team can also be reached via phone at (215) 204-7184 (*Option #2*).

What are Guest Meals?

Guest meals are included in our *Unlimited*, *Weekly 15*, *Weekly 12*, and *Weekly 10* meal plans and can be used to treat friends and family **exclusively at Esposito Dining Center in Johnson and Hardwick Halls**. You can use as many guest meal swipes as you'd like until the limit included in your meal plan is met.

