2026 - 2027 Meal Plan FAQ

WHAT IS THE COST OF MIAD'S MEAL PLAN AND WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- The meal plan cost is $1055 per semester. The meal plan is defined as a direct cost and added to a student's account billing statement.
- Students receive 12 meals per week (a meal is defined as 1 entree, 1 side, and 1 fountain drink, milk, tea, or coffee).
- The meal plan includes a $100 declining balance per semester to be used for a la carte items in the cafe.

ARE STUDENTS ABLE TO PURCHASE A PLAN TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEALS/WEEK?

No, but students can add to their declining balance to purchase extra meals as needed.

CAN COMMUTER STUDENTS BUY INTO THE MEAL PLAN?

Yes, a commuter student may purchase a meal plan, but will have to select the full $1055 per semester plan which includes 12 meals each week and a $100 declining balance per semester.

ARE THE NUMBER OF MEALS SPECIFIC TO A WEEK?
EX. IF I ONLY USE TEN MEALS IN WEEK 1, DO TWO MEALS ROLL TO WEEK 2?

Meals do not roll over at the end of the week. The week is defined as Monday through Sunday.

DO DECLINING BALANCE DOLLARS ROLL FROM THE FALL TO THE SPRING SEMESTER?

Yes, any remaining balance at the end of the Fall semester will roll to Spring.

DO MEAL PLANS ROLL FROM THE FALL TO THE SPRING SEMESTER?

No, a new set of meals per week are allocated to the student's account.

DO MEAL PLANS OR DECLINING BALANCE DOLLARS ROLL FROM ACADEMIC YEAR TO ACADEMIC YEAR?

No, balances must be used by the end of the academic year.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A MEAL?

1 entree, 1 side, and 1 fountain drink, milk, tea, or coffee

WHAT SORT OF MEAL OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WITH DIETARY RESTRICTIONS (VEGAN, VEGETARIAN, GLUTEN-FREE, LACTOSE-FREE)?

MIAD is working with American Dining Creations (ADC) to ensure meal options for those with dietary restrictions.

DO STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS HAVE THE ABILITY TO OPT-OUT OF THE MEAL PLAN?

Students with dietary restrictions that the cafe cannot accommodate can request to be exempt through the medical exemption process by the 2nd Friday of the semester.

Nichole Uecker, Student Accessibility Coordinator, oversees that process. Students will need to provide documentation of restrictions to Nichole for review (nicholeuecker@miad.edu)

WHAT ARE THE DAYS/HOURS THAT THE CAFE WILL BE OPEN?

The cafe will be open Monday through Thursday for Breakfast (8am–10am), Lunch (11am–1:30pm), Cafe Lite Hours (2pm–3:30pm) and Dinner (4pm–6:30pm); Friday for Breakfast (8am–12:30pm and Supper (2:30pm–4pm); and Saturday and Sunday for Brunch (10:30am–2pm).

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