



Residential Dining & Meal Plans-Frequently Asked Questions

Cal State Fullerton Housing and Residence Life offers residents a fun, nutritious, and exciting residential dining program that features three food service options. The Gastronome serves fresh, wholesome, cooked-from-scratch and prepared-to-order meals throughout the day. The Late Night Café serves a classic made to order grill menu, snacks, grab and go items, and beverages after the Gastronome closes to meet the needs of students with evening classes or who are looking for a late-night pick-me-up while studying. The Community Market stocks a wide array of packaged and fresh produce, foods, and household goods with extended weekday and weekend hours.

How do meal plans work?

Residents living in the new Residence Halls have the choice of two meal plan options: 7-Day Unlimited Pass and 5-Day Unlimited Pass. These plans allow students unlimited access to the Gastronome; the 7-day plan covers every day of the week, and the 5-day plan excludes Saturday and Sunday.

Residents living in the apartments may choose either of the unlimited pass options, or may select a block meal plan with either 112 or 80 meals per semester. A meal will be deducted each time they enter the Gastronome.

All meal plans include a declining balance amount. These dollars may be used to purchase items in the Late Night Café, the Community Market, or to pay for entrance into the Gastronome for themselves or a guest.

May students opt out of their meal plan?

All students living in either the residence halls or apartments must participate in the meal plan program, and may not opt out of the program.

Can students change their meal plan?

Residents may change their meal plans near the end of Fall Semester with the changes affective for Spring Semester. Residents may upgrade a meal plan anytime. Residents may not downgrade a meal plan after the deadline date granted by housing.

What types of food will be served?

The Gastronome features an extremely diverse menu. Most items are customizable and prepared-to-order where students may select the meats, vegetables, and sauces they want in their individual entrée. The facility features a stone hearth oven at our pizza station, a grill for burgers, and a Deli station for customizable sandwich options. We also feature an international kitchen, a prepared-to-order station with a rotating menu, salad bar, soups, and bakery. The menu provides an array of comfort food, all-time favorites, and international cuisines. Numerous theme meals, celebrations, and special events take place here throughout the academic year. The Late Night Café features a classic grill menu as well as monthly specials. The Community Market is our one stop shop with fresh sandwiches, sushi, salty snacks, pastries, and more.

Will vegetarian items be available?

A wide selection of vegetarian and vegan items are available in the Gastronome, Late Night Café, and Community Market. All prepared-to-order items will have a vegetarian option.

What hours will the dining facilities be open?

The Gastronome is open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 9:30a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Late Night Café is open Monday-Friday from 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.

The Community Market is open Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m. - 12 a.m.; Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 11:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Is there a credit for unused meals?

There is no credit or refund for unused meals.

Do unused meals and declining balance dollars carry forward from Fall semester to Spring semester?

Unused block plan meals expire at the end of Fall Semester and do not carry forward. Remaining declining balance dollars will carry forward from Fall semester to Spring semester.

Can declining balance dollars be used in other food service or retail locations on campus?

Declining balance dollars may only be used at the Late Night Café, Gastronome, and the Community Market. They cannot be used at any other dining or retail facility on or off campus.

Can additional declining balance dollars be purchased?

Yes, additional declining balance dollars can be purchased at any time on www.csuf.campusdish.com.

Can students with block meal plans purchase additional meals?

Yes, students with block plans may purchase additional meals at www.csuf.campusdish.com.

Can faculty/staff, guests, and commuters eat at the dining facilities?

Everyone is welcome to eat in the dining facilities. People without a meal plan may pay the door rate to enter the Gastronome. The Late Night Café and Community Market will both accept cash and credit cards for purchases.

Can students not living on campus purchase meal plans?

Absolutely! Voluntary meal plans are available for commuters at www.csuf.campusdish.com

Will dining options be available during Winter Break and Spring Break?

Some type of dining option will be available for students remaining in apartments or extended stay on campus during Winter break, Thanksgiving break, and Spring break. The available options will depend on the number of students using the dining services. While the Gastronome will not be open if there is not sufficient demand, either the Late Night Café or Community Market will be available.

Will there be jobs available in the dining facilities?

There will be employment opportunities in the Gastronome, Late Night Café, and Community Market. There are flexible hours to work around students' class schedules. Positions include cashiers, servers, cooks, and student managers. Priority positions will be given to students living on-campus. Contact bodane-christopher@aramark.com for more information.