

UHCL Hawk Meal Plan (Dining Dollars)
Terms & Conditions
(Subject to change without notice)

Overview

Dining Dollars is a declining balance meal plan on your Hawk card. It is a fixed amount of money added to a person's ID card that functions like a debit card - each time one makes a meal purchase, the costs are deducted from the balance on your Hawk Card. A declining balance is a dollar-for-dollar exchange. This meal plan is available to the university community (students, faculty and staff), but is designed with residential students in mind.

Definitions

- Commuter Students – Students whose place of residence while attending university is not in a campus residence hall (Hunter Hall).
- Residential Students – Students who live or reside in campus residence hall (Hunter Hall), while attending university.
- Faculty – Individuals, specifically teachers, professors, lecturers, adjuncts with a common duty or obligation to provide instruction at a university. They are the academic staff of a university. Researchers and scholars are also part of university faculty.
- Staff – Individuals with varied administrative functions.
- Mandatory Participants - Residential students contractually bound by a Residence Hall Service Agreement to have a meal plan.
- Voluntary Participants – Commuter students, faculty and staff not required to have a meal plan.
- Academic Year – Fall, Spring and Summer terms.

Requirements

- Mandatory participants – A minimum meal plan of \$700 each semester of the academic year. If a meal plan is not selected by August 1st for the Fall semester and January 1st for Spring semester, a meal plan of \$700 will be auto assigned. Meal plan for Summer semester is optional.
- Voluntary participants – A minimum of \$50 initial purchase.

Costs and Payment Methods

- Available to all - Meal plan options \$700, \$1,280, or \$2,120.
- \$50 minimum for commuter students, faculty and staff.
- Payment methods include cash, check, financial aid, payment plan options via student's account and/or direct purchase with credit card via [Hawk Card on-line](#).

Restrictions

- Dining Dollars left over at the end of the fall semester will roll over to the spring semester within the same academic year.
- Dining Dollars will also roll over to summer semester.
- Summer Dining Dollars are to be used during the summer term and will not roll over to the fall semester.
- Dining Dollars balance left over as of August 1st each year are non-refundable for all students.
- Additional Dining Dollars may be purchased to an existing plan with a minimum of \$50 with credit card via [Hawk Card on-line](#).
- Meal plan may be increased during the first two weeks of each semester.

- Dining plan refunds of the unused portion of student's dining plan are subject to the UHCL Tuition and Fee Refund schedule and. Residence Hall Service Agreement.
- Dining Plans are not transferable. Hawk Card must be present to access your Dining Plan. Any attempt to use a Hawk card by someone other than the cardholder will be subject to Student Conduct Policy.
- Dining Dollars can not be converted to cash.
- Dining Dollars balances are forfeited, after one year of inactivity-faculty and staff.

Meal Plan Release Petition

A Meal Plan Petition is not required for the following reasons:

- The student is accepted in a UHCL approved study abroad program with verification.
- The student is academically dismissed with verification from the Dean of Students office or the student's graduate program.
- The student is required to withdraw due to medical reasons. Verification must be received from the Dean of Students office.
- The student is called to serve the country in an active duty status.

Meal Plan Petitions are considered by the Meal Plan Release Committee for well-documented extraordinary circumstances. While completing the petition, student will need to have documents available to submit based on specific reasons for petitioning:

- Financial: Income and expenses, i.e. bills, checking/savings, loans, tax returns, and W2's.
- Medical: Medical Release Form and healthcare Provider Assessment Form.
- Dietary: Document from UHCL staff dietitian stating on-campus dining options cannot meet dietary needs.
- Religious: Document demonstrating proof of practice.
- Other verification of circumstance.
- Complete the Meal Plan Release Petition
- For special diets, dining services has a staff dietitian available for private consultation, nutrition questions and meal planning. Email to set up an appointment: foodservicefeedback@uhcl.edu