Dining Services

There are three meal plans available to OWU students. Each plan uses Student ID cards as meal “debit” cards, with each food item assigned a certain number of meal plan points. The ID cards can be used (swiped through for purchases) at a variety of campus locations, the Thomson Convenience Store, and off-campus at several selected locations in downtown Delaware.

Meal plan points remaining after the fall semester will carry over to spring semester. At the end of spring semester, however, any remaining points will default to the University.

Meal plan points cannot be refunded nor will they carry over to the next year. You may increase your purchasing power at any time during the year on a dollar-for-point rate. Purchases of additional points are billed to your monthly University account. If you need to change meal plans, this must be done through the Office of Residential Life within the first week of each semester.

The price listed below is for the 2015-2016 academic year, so half of this amount will be available each semester.

2015-2016 Plan A (Knight Meal Plan): Price: $5,800/ Purchasing Power 4,958. The Knight plan will suit you if you purchase the majority of your meals on campus and if you remain on campus most weekends. The plan also allows for snacks and special occasion dinners.

2015-2016 Plan B (Bishop Meal Plan): Price: $5,310 / Purchasing Power 4,312. Choose the Bishop plan if you skip some meals and will occasionally be away from campus on weekends. This plan allows for some snacks and special meals. Most students are on this plan.

2015-2016 Plan C (Squire Meal Plan): Price: $4,620/ Purchasing Power 3,581. The Squire plan provides the minimum food service. Most students will find that this plan does not provide sufficient purchasing power and will need to purchase additional food service points before the year ends.

Off Campus Points: Each meal plan will have 100 points per semester allotted towards several restaurants located in town. You may choose to use them or assign the Off Campus points back to your on campus meal plan at any time.

All students who live in the residence halls and small living units (including Austin Manor) at OWU must participate in the University meal plan. Rare exceptions will only be considered for those students with medical conditions or membership in religious organizations with strict dietary guidelines that cannot be accommodated by the University’s food service vendor. In such instances a waiver from the meal plan may be requested.

In the event of a medical exemption, appropriate documentation must be submitted by the student's doctor and approval must come from a team of three people: the Director of Student Health Services, the Director of Residential Life, and the Dining Services Director.

In an instance of religious exemption, appropriate documentation must be submitted by the student's religious authority and approval must come from a team of three people: the University Chaplain, the Director of Residential Life, and the Dining Services Director.

The process for seeking an exemption from the University meal plan, under one of these two exceptions, begins with a meeting with the Director of Residential Life. There are no other exemptions from meal plans available.

To purchase points or add points to an existing plan, visit The Card Office Hamilton-Williams Campus Center Room 142 or call x3451.