

2024-2025 WCU Meal Plan Proposal

First-Year students living in Residence Halls must have a [First-Year Residential](#) plan. All other residential students may choose a [Residential](#) or [First-Year Residential](#) plan. Commuter meal plans are entirely optional, and commuters may select any Residential or Commuter plan.

Board meal swipes are usable at Courtyard and Brown dining halls. Exchange meal swipes may be used at Courtyard or Brown dining halls, and may be used for specific meal packages at most retail locations. DB (Declining Balance) may be used at any WCU dining location as a substitute for cash.

Current Plans:

	Plan Name	# Swipes	# Exchange	DB (w/tax)	Plan Cost	Plan Cost w/ Tax
First-Year Residential	Unlimited Premium	Unlimited + 5 Guest Meals	1 Exchange / Day	\$214.00	\$2,450.00	\$2,621.50
First-Year Residential	Unlimited Basic	Unlimited + 5 Guest Meals	N/A	\$107.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,247.00
Residential	Weekly 14	See Exchange	14 Exchange / Week	\$321.00	\$1,950.00	\$2,086.50
Residential	Block 150	See Exchange	150	\$535.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,872.50
Commuter	Block 80	See Exchange	80	\$588.50	\$1,210.00	\$1,294.70
Commuter	Block 40	See Exchange	40	\$428.00	\$755.00	\$807.85
Commuter	Commuter DB 700	N/A	N/A	\$749.00	\$700.00	\$749.00

Factors influencing this proposal:

- CPI - Food away from home (South Region) increased 8.07% yr/yr
- Average hourly wage has increased 47.58% over past three years
- Food cost has increased 26% over past three years
- WCU meal plan rates have increased ~5% over past three years – far below CPI and inflation measures

Proposed Plans:

	Plan Name	# Swipes	# Exchange	DB (w/tax)	Plan Cost	Plan Cost w/ Tax
First-Year Residential	Unlimited Premium	Unlimited + 5 Guest Meals	1 Exchange / Day	\$240.75	\$2,600.00	\$2,782.00
First-Year Residential	Unlimited Basic	Unlimited + 5 Guest Meals	N/A	\$133.75	\$2,235.00	\$2,391.45
Residential	Weekly 14	See Exchange	14 Exchange / Week	\$347.75	\$2,065.00	\$2,209.55
Residential	Block 150	See Exchange	150	\$561.75	\$1,845.00	\$1,974.15
Commuter	Block 80	See Exchange	80	\$615.25	\$1,270.00	\$1,358.90
Commuter	Block 40	See Exchange	40	\$454.75	\$800.00	\$856.00
Commuter	Commuter DB	N/A	N/A	\$775.75	\$725.00	\$775.75

Summary:

- Each plan receives \$25 more pre-tax DB (\$26.75 added per plan post-tax). DB has not been adjusted on plans since 2020
- Average increase of 5.5%