

## 2022-2023 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
<a href="#">First-Year Residential</a>	Unlimited Premium	Unlimited	1 Exchange / Day	\$214.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,514.50
<a href="#">First-Year Residential</a>	Unlimited Basic	Unlimited	N/A	\$107.00	\$2,050.00	\$2,193.50
<a href="#">Residential</a>	Block 150	See Exchange	150	\$535.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,765.50
Commuter	Block 80	See Exchange	80	\$588.50	\$1,180.00	\$1,262.60
Commuter	Block 40 + Meal Kit	See Exchange	40	\$428.00	\$845.00	\$904.15
Commuter	Commuter DB 700	N/A	N/A	\$749.00	\$700.00	\$749.00

Factors influencing this proposal:

- Average Hourly Wage has increased 9.6% yr/yr, not including one-time hiring incentives
- Market basket food prices increased 11.1% yr/yr as of August 2021
- Disposables (gloves, etc.) increased 9.8% yr/yr
- CPI - Food away from home (South Region) increased 4.1% yr/yr

### Proposed Plans

	Plan Name	# Swipes	# Exchange	DB (w/tax)	Plan Cost	Plan Cost w/ Tax
<a href="#">First-Year Residential</a>	Unlimited Premium	Unlimited + 5 Guest Meals	1 Exchange / Day	\$214.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,514.50
<a href="#">First-Year Residential</a>	Unlimited Basic	Unlimited + 5 Guest Meals	N/A	\$107.00	\$2,050.00	\$2,193.50
<a href="#">Residential</a>	Block 150	See Exchange	150	\$535.00	\$1,719.00	\$1,839.33
Commuter	Block 80	See Exchange	80	\$588.50	\$1,198.90	\$1,282.82
Commuter	Block 40 + Meal Kit	See Exchange	40	\$428.00	\$858.35	\$918.43
Commuter	Commuter DB 700	N/A	N/A	\$749.00	\$700.00	\$749.00

### Summary:

- No increases in meal plan prices last year
- No increase on mandatory first year plans for the third year in a row
- Addition of 5 guest meals to Unlimited plans, so those meal plan holders can feed a parent/friend/etc.
- Average 1.19% increase across all plans, or an average 2.38% across the plans that have an increase (Block 150/80/40)
- Elimination of the "5% DB discount" from our program to help control costs and limit increases