

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI BLOCK/MEAL PLAN CONTRACT:

1. **Duration of Contract:** This is an academic year contract. The contract is binding upon the student for the entire academic year. This contract begins with the first meal of fall semester and extends through the last meal of the spring semester. Meals are not served during the summer or between the fall and spring semesters. During Thanksgiving Dinner service, a take-out option will only be available. The Student agrees to assume all obligations provided in this "Meal Plan Contract." The academic year reference shall be in accordance with the undergraduate calendar published in the Undergraduate Bulletin.
2. **Payment:** The entire semester amount should be paid in full at the same time you pay other registration costs (tuition and fees) during or before the first week of classes. Payments are due as specified unless the Office of Student Accounts has approved in writing deferred payment arrangements setting forth minimum periodic payment amounts and due dates. As long as money is owed to the University, release of transcripts or diplomas is prohibited.
3. **Mandatory participation:** Enrollment in any of the residential colleges requires participation in a Residential Block/Meal Plan [Unlimited, 19, 14 Meal Plan] or [225, 160, 117 Block Meal Plan]. Freshmen must choose from the 14, 19, or Unlimited meal plans. Freshmen are bound to this requirement for the entire academic year regardless of change in class standing during course of year. Graduate and undergraduate students who are 25 or older as of September 1 of the contract year are excluded from this requirement. Commuters and University Village Apartment students not enrolled in the residential colleges may participate in any meal plan. "The Meal Plan Contract" can be initiated or upgraded at any time.
4. **100, 75, 50, & 15 Block meal plans:** Participation available to Commuter and University Village students only.
5. **Change provisions Meal PLANS:**
 - o All students may make changes to their meal plan within the first full week of the semester by notifying the Department of Dining Services. Charges will be prorated up to the end of the week. Meal plan weeks run Monday through Sunday. See Section 7 regarding dining dollar charges.
 - o Downward meal plan changes from the fall semester to the spring semester are subject to a \$40 processing fee.
6. **Change provisions BOARD MEAL PLANS:**
 - o 100, 75, 50, & 15 Block Meal Plans are non-refundable. Upon execution, no changes will be permitted. A student may purchase a 10 Block Refresh in the event they would like to add additional block meals.
7. **Request for release from Meal Plan contract:**
 - o Request for release from contract must be initiated at the Department of Dining Services only. A student discontinuing the meal plan without written notification and approval of the Department of Dining Services will be held responsible for the charges until cancellation is effective through the Department of Dining Services.
 - o Written request for release should be addressed to: Department of Dining Services, Whitten University Center, Room 1620, P.O. Box 248106, Coral Gables, Florida 33124-6909. The student should mail the request only to the above address. Do not include the request in mail sent to other University offices.
 - o Residential Block/Meal Plan releases are subject to a \$300 penalty plus full charges through the week of cancellation. There will be no releases permitted the last four class weeks of either semester.
8. **Request for release from BLOCK MEAL PLAN contract:**
 - o 100, 75, 50, & 15 Block Meal Plans are non-refundable. In the event a student moves onto campus, they will be required to choose a Residential Block/Meal Plan [Unlimited, 19, 14 Meal Plan] or [225, 160, 117 Block Meal Plan]. The Department of Dining Services will prorate the Block Meal Plan based on the number of meals consumed at the time of the change.
 - o Any exceptions or special requests must be initiated at the Department of Dining Services only. Written request for release should be addressed to: Department of Dining

Services, Whitten University Center, Room 1620, P.O. Box 248106, Coral Gables, Florida 33124-6909 or via email at diningservices@miami.edu. The student should mail the request or email to the above address. Do not include the request in mail sent to other University departments.

9. Dining dollars:

- The Dining Dollars provided with the meal plan may be used in approved food service locations for food purchases only, excluding vending machines. Usage is limited to \$50 per day. Unused Dining Dollars at the end of fall semester will carry into spring semester. Unused Dining Dollars at the end of spring semester are forfeited.
- Dining Dollars are provided to the student at no additional charge as a result of enrolling in the 14, 19, or Unlimited meal plans & the 225, 160, & 117 Block meal plan for the academic year. Additional Dining Dollars cannot be purchased. Any release or change from this contract before the contract end date may result in a dining dollars surcharge fee of up to the total dining dollars assigned to the meal plan. This charge is in addition to any penalty charges or prorated meal plan charges.

10. General provisions:

- The student agrees to comply with this "Contract" and all other University and Dining Services rules and regulations governing the conduct of students which are now in effect and any that may be adopted and published by the University during the term of the student's contract.
- The University reserves the right to terminate the contract by written notice if a student fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions of the contract and all other University and Dining Services rules and regulations.
- It is the policy of the University of Miami that no citizen of the United States or any other person within the jurisdiction thereof shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, age or handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in employment or under any educational program or activity of the University.
- Meal plans are non-transferable.
- Meal plan week runs Monday through Sunday. Unused meals do not carry over into the following week.
- Block Meal Plans are non-transferable
- 100, 75, 50, & 15 Block Meal Plans are non-refundable
- Block Meals are valid for the fall and spring semesters during the periods when the dining halls are open. Unused block meals at the end of the fall will carry over to spring. Unused block meals and dining dollars at the end of spring are forfeited.
- A valid Cane Card must be presented for entry.
- All Block/Meal Plans must be consumed in the resident dining halls [Mahoney Pearson and/or Hecht Stanford].

11. Changes to contract: The University reserves the right to make changes to the "Meal Plan Contract" or in the applicable rates during the term of the contract with 30 days' notice.

12. National or regional emergency: In the event of a national or regional emergency, the University reserves the right to cut back to a limited-menu food service and/or consolidate serving units in the event of a work stoppage, fire, civil disobedience, riot, rebellion, acts of God, and similar occurrences.