

# The deal with the meals

Everything you need to know about your meal plan



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With so many campus dining options and so much terminology, determining where to eat and how to pay can get confusing.

## Dining tips

You receive each week's allotment of meals on Wednesday. Any unused meals from one week will roll over into the next week until the end of the semester.

You can use your meal plan whenever you want – there are no time limits. For late-night dining, though, Octagon and Acorn are your best bets, since they're open until 1 a.m.

Changes to your meal plan can be made through the second week of the semester.

Colonnades, McEwen and Harden put on special meals once or twice a month, such as "Snack Attack" lunch or "Oktoberfest Dinner." See the Dining Services Web site for a full schedule.

## MEAL PLAN

Meal Plan swipes can be used in three different ways:

1. At Harden, upstairs McEwen or upstairs Colonnades, the all-you-can-eat dining halls, one swipe at the door lets you in and you can eat whatever you want, buffet-style.
2. At "grab and go"-style restaurants such as Octagon, Croutons, Boar's Head, Fountain Market, Acorn or downstairs McEwen, one meal plan can buy you a combo meal with a number of options. See the table for examples.
3. At convenience stores such as downstairs McEwen or downstairs Colonnades, you can use your meal plan's cash equivalency, which is \$2.50, to pay for quick between-meals items. As long as your total is under \$2.50, you can use one meal plan to pay. If it's more, you can use multiple meals.

## MEAL DOLLARS

Each meal plan offered by Elon Dining Services comes with a certain number of meal dollars. The 19, 17, 14, 11 and 9 meals per week plans, for instance, come with \$200: \$85 for fall and spring and \$30 for Winter Term.

Meal Dollars act like a "food debit card" and can be used at any dining hall on campus. Most students use Meal Dollars for little purchases between meals, such as snacks or gum or a bottle of water.

If you want to stock up on food, you can also use your Meal Dollars to grocery shop at downstairs Colonnades or downstairs McEwen.

Meal Dollars are especially useful for paying at Elon's sit-down restaurants: Brown & Co., the 1889 Grill Room and Varsity. Just remember that you can't tip with meal dollars — you have to use Phoenix Cash for that.

## COMBO EXAMPLES

### At Octagon...



### At Acorn...



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