Meal Plan Terms & Conditions
2019-2020 Academic Year

Meal Plan Duration
All meal plans are annual contracts spanning the full academic year (Fall and Spring semesters). The charge for the meal plan you select will be posted to your student account once for the Fall semester, and again for the Spring semester. The operational dates vary according to individual locations and the academic calendar. For example, locations may be closed for select holidays and breaks.

Meal plans are activated for Fall 2019 on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 and for Spring 2020 on Saturday, January 11, 2020.

Meal Plan Overview
Your ONE Card, which houses your on-campus currencies, is required for all meal plan transactions - no exceptions. Only the customer named on the meal plan and whose name appears on the ONE Card is entitled to services extended under the meal plan option; meal plan holders may not transfer their plan to other customers with the exception of Guest Passes (for more info, see “Guest Passes” section below). In addition, Dining Dollars, Dragon Cash, or BlazerBucks may be used for guests if the meal plan holder is present. If your ONE Card is lost or stolen, immediately freeze the account on BlazerNet to avoid unauthorized purchases. UAB Campus Dining is not responsible for any missed meals due to a lost or stolen ONE Card.

Meal Plan Sign Up and Payment
To sign up for your meal plan, visit uab.edu/mealplans. Once you have signed up for your plan, please allow up to two (2) business days for activation and addition to student account. By signing up online, you are authorizing the meal plan to be billed to your UAB student account and you become liable for payment. By signing up for a meal plan, you are authorizing UAB Campus Dining to email you about your meal plan, promotions, changes to dining locations, and other dining alerts.

Payments are due on schedule with the UAB Academic Calendar and details can be found on UAB’s When to Pay site: https://www.uab.edu/students/paying-for-college/when-to-pay.

Students may choose a primary and secondary plan:
● Dining Dollars may be secondary to any plan;
● A Gold Block plan may be secondary to a Gold Block or Green & Gold plan;
● A student with Dining Dollars as their primary plan may choose any plan as their secondary.

Meal Plan Requirements
Enrolled students not residing on campus and university employees may elect to purchase any of the meal plans during the Fall and Spring semesters.

On-campus housing includes any off-campus spaces leased through University Housing.
Freshmen Living On Campus
Freshmen living on campus must choose the Green & Gold, Dragonfire 5, or Dragonfire 7 plan and will default to Dragonfire 7 should a plan not be selected. Freshmen are defined as first-year students who meet the following criteria: (1) graduated high school within the last four academic years; (2) entered UAB with less than 12 credit hours taken at another university after high school graduation; and (3) have not attended UAB during a previous academic year, excluding the summer term immediately preceding the current academic year.

Non-Freshmen Living On Campus
Non-Freshmen living on campus must choose Dragonfire 7, Dragonfire 5, Green & Gold, Gold Block 75, Gold Block 25, or Dining Dollars. Should a plan not be selected, non-freshmen living on campus will default to the Gold Block 25.

Meal Plan Changes
Meal Plan changes must be made prior to the Drop/Add deadline for the current semester. For Fall 2019, the final day to make meal plan changes is September 3, 2019. For Spring 2020, the final day to make meal plan changes is January 21, 2020.

Meal Plans can be added at any time throughout the semester. Plans added after the Drop/Add deadline may not be changed after 48 business hours after activation.

Withdrawal
All dining plans are annual contracts spanning the full academic year (Fall and Spring semesters). Cancellations are not allowed, with the exception of withdrawing from the university. A prorated refund will be posted to a student’s account based on the number of days in attendance or the number of meals consumed, whichever is greater. Failure to use a meal plan does not release a student from their payment obligation.

Use of the Meal Plan
Meal plans consist of meals and dining dollars. Meals can be used at the Commons on the Green for all-you-care-to-eat meals or Simply to Go Take 3 meals (see “Simply to Go” below). Dining Dollars can be used dollar-for-dollar at all UAB Campus Dining locations which include:

- The Commons on the Green
- Einstein Bros. Bagels
- The Den
- C-Store
- Sandella’s Flatbread Cafe
- Jamba Juice
- WOW Cafe
- Panera
- Full Moon BBQ
- Mein Bowl
- Starbucks (Hill Student Center)
- Starbucks (Sterne Library)
- Magic City Eats
- WOW Cafe
- Newly located in the Business & Engineering Complex

Meals do not roll over week-to-week. Dining Dollars do not roll over semester-to-semester. Meals and Dining Dollars are not transferable.

Green & Gold and Gold Block plan holders may use up to five (5) meals per day. The Green & Gold plan resets to nine (9) meals on Sundays at midnight. Dragonfire plan holders may not use more than one meal per fifteen (15) minutes unless using a Guest Pass.

MVP Upgrade
The optional MVP upgrade to the Dragonfire meal plans allows students an opportunity to exchange one meal swipe per day for a meal up to a $7.00 value at select campus dining locations: Sandella’s Flatbread Cafe, WOW Cafe, Jamba Juice, and the newest dining location in the Business & Engineering Complex. If the total transaction exceeds $7.00, the remaining balance can be paid with another form of payment including Dining Dollars, Dragon Cash, BlazerBucks, cash or credit card. The MVP upgrade costs $100 per semester in addition to the cost of the Dragonfire plan.

**Simply to Go**
Simply to Go is a grab-and-go option available in the C-Store in Camp Hall and the newest dining location in the Business & Engineering Complex. Items are available priced individually and can be purchased at any time. Individuals with a meal plan which includes meals may use one meal per period to purchase a Simply to Go Take 3 meal. Take 3 includes an entree, side, and beverage. Let the cashier know you are using a meal swipe for Take 3.

**Guest Passes**
Meals are exclusive to the meal plan holder aside from designated guest passes. Dragonfire and Gold Block plan holders may use up to fifteen (15) meals per semester for dining guests. Green & Gold plan holders may use one of their meals each week for dining guests. Dining Dollars may be used for guests at any time in any UAB Campus Dining location.

**Closures and Limited Services**
In the event of an emergency, Campus Dining reserves the right to close dining venues and/or provide limited service. In addition, locations may be closed or relocated due to renovations or repairs.

**Dragon Cash Not a part of the meal plan**
Each academic year, all enrolled students living on campus and all undergraduate students taking twelve (12) or more credit hours who do not reside on campus will be assessed a $225 Campus Dining Fee during Fall and Spring semesters.

Full-time non-residential students taking six hours or less on campus during a given semester may be exempt from the Campus Dining Fee during that semester. Courses offered online (excluding “blended” courses) or at a location more than 100 miles away from UAB’s campus are considered off-campus when determining eligibility for a waiver. Enrolled students not assessed the Campus Dining Fee may elect to add $225 to their Dragon Cash account during Fall and Spring semesters by sending an email to uabdining@uab.edu.

Campus Dining Fee funds can be accessed through the student’s Dragon Cash account. Dragon Cash is a declining balance account that can be used for purchases at all UAB Campus Dining Locations.

Funds in the student’s Dragon Cash account will roll over during the terms included in one academic year (i.e. Fall to Spring to Summer). After the last class day of the Summer semester, 25% of any remaining balance in a student’s Dragon Cash account will be converted to BlazerBucks before the Dragon Cash account is cleared out in preparation for the upcoming academic year.
The Dragon Cash account is used for accessing Campus Dining Fee funds only. Individuals who wish to add additional funds can do so through their BlazerBucks account.

For Fall 2019, Dragon Cash will be deposited into student accounts for use beginning Wednesday, August 21, 2019. Spring 2020 funds deposit on Wednesday, January 8, 2020. On Saturday, August 15, 2020, annual funds will be converted and cleared as noted above.

**BlazerBucks  Not a part of the meal plan**
BlazerBucks is a declining balance account that can be used for goods and services anywhere the UAB ONE Card is accepted. BlazerBucks accounts are available to students, faculty and staff, and other individuals in possession of a UAB ONE Card. There is no minimum deposit required to activate a BlazerBucks account and additional funds can be added in varying amounts at will. Balances in BlazerBucks carry-over from year to year until the cardholder graduates or otherwise permanently leaves the university.

Full details of the BlazerBucks program including locations currently accepting the currency can be found at uab.edu/blazerbucks.