



Department of Dining Services
MEAL PLAN CONTRACT

Printed Last Name First Name Date

UM I.D. Number Permanent Telephone Number

Permanent Address Street City State Zip

Please check:

Freshman* Undergraduate (So., Jr., Sr.) Graduate Exchange/IEP

I request the dining plan checked below and agree to pay all applicable charges. The amount will be prorated on a weekly basis if this "Meal Plan Contract" begins after the first week of the semester. Calendar weeks begin on Monday and end on Sunday. The meal plan is the weekly allotted number of meals served at the board (residential) cafeterias. Dining dollars are in addition to weekly meals and may be used for on-campus food purchases outside of the board cafeterias.

- 20 meal plan plus \$50 dining dollars/semester**
8 meal plan plus \$200 dining dollars/semester** (Not available to freshman)
14 meal plan plus \$150 dining dollars/semester**
5 meal plan plus \$50 dining dollars/semester (Available to commuter, University Village, and apartment students only.)
8 Kosher Plus meal plan plus \$200 dining dollars/semester and \$500 Oasis dollars/semester.**

*Note: Freshman must choose either the 8 Kosher Plus, 14 or 20 meal plan**

I acknowledge that I have read and understand, and I hereby agree to be bound by this document, "Meal Plan Contract." I agree to pay the rate established by the Department of Dining Services of the University of Miami for the meal plan I have indicated above. (Signature of parent or legal guardian required if the student is under 18.) I understand this contract cannot be cancelled after the deadlines defined in Section 5. Failure to honor this contract will result in a penalty charge of \$300 (Section 6).

Student's Signature Date

Parental Signature (if student is under 18)

Please keep the pink copy of this contract for your records and return the remaining copy to: Dining Services Administration, University of Miami, P.O. Box 248106, Coral Gables, Florida 33124-6909.

**Please see Section 3 regarding mandatory meal plan participation if residing in the residential colleges.

For more information, please visit our Web site at www.miami.edu/dining-services.

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 when the University is not in session, during official University vacation periods, or between semesters. 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 (excluding apartments) requires participation in either the 8, 8 Kosher Plus, 14, or 20 meal plans. **Freshmen must choose from either the 8 Kosher Plus, 14 or 20 meal plan. 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. Apartments, commuters, and other 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. **FIVE MEAL PLAN:** Participation available to commuter, University Village, and apartment students only.
5. **CHANGE PROVISIONS:**
 - a) 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.
 - b) Downward meal plan changes requested for the spring semester are subject to a \$40 processing fee.
6. **REQUEST FOR RELEASE FROM CONTRACT:**
 - a) 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.**
 - b) Written request for release should be addressed to: Department of Dining Services, Whitten University Center, Room 125, 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.**
 - c) 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.
7. **DINING DOLLARS:**
 - a) 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 \$20 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.
 - b) Dining dollars are provided to the student at no additional charge as a result of enrolling in the 5, 8, 8 Kosher Plus, 14, or 20 meal plans 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 \$200. This charge is in addition to any penalty charges or prorated meal plan charges.
8. **GENERAL PROVISIONS:**
 - a) The student agrees to comply with the "Meal Plan 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.
 - b) Students are responsible for the conduct of their guests, and the student agrees to obey guest regulations.
 - c) 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.
 - d) 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.
 - e) Meal plans are non-transferable.
 - f) Meal plan week runs Monday through Sunday. Unused meals do not carry over into the following week.
 - g) A valid cane card must be presented for entry.
 - h) All meal plans must be consumed in the resident dining halls.
9. **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.
10. **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.