

# **MEAL PLAN ELIGIBILITY POLICY**

## **Policy Statement**

*The purpose of the meal plan and meal service program at Muhlenberg College is to provide healthy and nutritious food to all students. By providing a variety of healthy foods and various dining options, Muhlenberg College Dining Services is able to accommodate a wide array of student dietary needs and lifestyles.*

## **I. Meal Plan Eligibility**

### **A. Students in Residence Halls**

1. Upper Class Students in Residence Halls shall be required to select *Platinum, Gold, Silver or Traditional meal plans.*
2. First Year students living in residence halls shall be required to select from the *Platinum, Gold or Traditional meal plans.*

### **B. Commuting and Off-Campus Students**

1. Commuting and off-campus students may select any of the meal plans or choose no meal plan.

### **C. Students in College-owned or leased houses, apartments, or suites**

1. Students living in groups of four (4) or fewer with a galley kitchen shall be entitled to select the *Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze or Traditional meal plans.* For the purposes of this policy, a galley kitchen is required to have a full size refrigerator, a sink with running hot and cold water, a microwave, and at least four (4) feet of hygienic countertop space.
2. Students living in college owned or leased apartments, suites, and or house with a total occupancy rating of eight (8) or fewer and a full kitchen are automatically defaulted to no meal plan. However, these students shall be entitled to select any of the meal plans offered. For the purposes of this policy, a full kitchen is required to have a full size refrigerator, a sink with running hot and cold water, an oven and range top with adequate exhaust, and at least four (4) feet of hygienic countertop space.

### **D. Students in privately owned fraternity chapter houses (ATO, PKT & SigEp)**

1. Members of recognized fraternities living in privately owned chapter houses shall be entitled to select from the *Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze or Traditional meal plans.*

## E. Student teaching and Internship Experiences

1. Students engaged in student teaching must select from any of the meal plans. Students engaged in an internship experience, that is a college-approved course equal to one full credit, must select from the *Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze or Traditional meal plans*. This program is available only during the semester in which an individual is student teaching or participating in an internship which takes them off campus more than 3 days per week.

## F. Students with Medical Needs

For questions related to students with Nutrition Related Medical Needs, please reference [Special Dining Services Policies and Procedures](#).

## II. Meal Plan Options

	No Meal Plan	Cardinal	Bronze	Traditional	Platinum	Silver	Gold
Upper Class Students in Residence Halls				X	X	X	X
First Year Students in Residence Halls				X	X		X
Student in college-owned or leased housing of 4 or less and a galley kitchen*			X	X	X	X	X
Student in privately-owned fraternity chapter house (ATO, PKT & SPE)			X	X	X	X	X
Student in college-owned or leased apartment, suite or house, with a capacity for 8 or less and a full kitchen**	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Commuter or Off Campus	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Student with documented medical need with approval from Health Services	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Student Teaching		X	X		X	X	X
Student Internship***		X	X		X	X	X

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\*\*\* College approved course equal to one full credit.

### III. Additional Resources

To ensure consistent, superior service, Muhlenberg College and Dining Services have developed the following policies:

Please reference the "[Muhlenberg Dining Policy](#)" for general issues relating to: Meal Plans, Medical and Dietary Needs, Your Student ID Card and Communication.

Please reference the "[Muhlenberg Dining Venues Policy](#)" for venue specific issues relating to: Menus, Hours of Operations, Door Rates, Customer Responsibilities, Student Organization Events and Fundraising Guidelines, Unauthorized Access, Theft and Unruly Behavior.

#### Contacts:

Nutrition Related Medical Needs – Director, Disability Services 484-664-3825

Meal Plan/Nutritional Issues – General Manager, Dining Services 484-664-3488

If further action is required - Director, Student Union 484-664-3494