**Understanding GVSU Meal Plans:**

Available meal plans:

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| **Plan** | **Meals/Week** | **Dining Dollars** | **Cost/Meal** | **Cost of Plan\*** |
| 19+ | 19/week | $175 | $3.70 | $1,260 |
| 14+ | 14/week | $275 | $4.56 | $1,260 |
| 10+ | 10/week | $375 | $5.74 | $1,260 |
| Value | -- | $1,000 | n/a | $1,000 |
| Value + | 80/semester | $400 | $7.50 | $1,000 |
| Casual | -- | $625 | n/a | $625 |
| Casual + | 40/semester | $300 | $8.13 | $625 |
| 5+ | 5/week | $100 | $6.81 | $625 |
| Commuter | n/a | $100 | n/a | $100 |

\* Prices as of 2012 Fall Semester and subject to change. Check [here](http://www.campusdish.com/en-US/CSMW/GVSU/ProductCategory.aspx?Catalog=GVSUVirtualCatalog&CategoryId=47) for current prices.

There are two important elements to a meal plan: *Meals/Week* and *Dining Dollars.*

***Meals/Week*** *–* Meals per week determine how many meals you have available to you each week.

* You may use up to 3 meals per day
* Meals can be used to purchase a meal combo\*\* at any of the many dining locations across campus or entrance to buffet style dining at Fresh Food Co.
* Meals do not roll over to the next week,

For example, with the 19+ plan, you receive 19 meals per week (typically 3 per weekday and two for both Saturday and Sunday.) So if you do not use all 19 meals between Sunday morning and Saturday evening each week, they disappear.

An alternative to *Meals/Week* is meals per semester, available in the Value + and Casual + plans (80 or 40 meals per semester.)

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* Meals can be used to purchase a meal combo at any of the many dining locations across campus or entrance to buffet style dining at Fresh Food Co.
* Meals do not disappear week to week if they are unused
  + Unused meals can actually role over from the Fall semester to the Winter semester if a student has enrolled in meal plan for the Winter semester.

\*\**Meal Combos -* All combos typically include an entrée, a side and a beverage. Combos for the different dining locations on campus can be found [here](http://gvsu.edu/cms3/assets/08460A47-B5B8-CBB1-72873A88FBD61F54/combo_web.pdf).

***Dining Dollars*** *–* Dining Dollars can be used to purchase meal combos, food, and drinks at any campus dining location and spent in any of the C-stores, much like you would use a debit card. Each Dining Dollar is equal to $1.00 USD.

* C-Stores include Lobby Shop, C3 at Kleiner, C3 Express and P.O.D. at the Connection
* Unused Dining Dollars are lost at the end of the semester if they are not used.
* You can check your balance or add to your Dining Dollars [online](http://www.campusdish.com/en-US/CSMW/GVSU/ProductCategory.aspx?Catalog=GVSUVirtualCatalog&CategoryId=47) or with a cashier on campus.

*Who can purchase a meal plan?*

Any GVSU student may purchase a meal plan. Students living off campus or in on-campus apartments do not automatically receive a meal plan. If you are living in any of the following traditional or suite style living centers, your meal plan is included as part of your housing contract and you do not need to purchase one:

Hoobler, Johnson, Ott, Weed, DeVos, Pew, Pickard, Seidman, Swanson, Kirkpatrick, Stafford, Copeland, Robinson, and Kistler

*Can I change my meal plan once I’ve purchased it?*

Yes! Students can make changes to their account during the first week of the semester online or by visiting Campus Dining at 100 Commons on the Allendale Campus.

Students living in traditional or suite style living centers are automatically enrolled in the 14+ Plan and may change to any plan except the Commuter plan prior to or during the first week of the semester, with 10+, 14+ or 19+ being the best options.

*Can I decide to purchase a meal plan mid-semester?*

Yes! When you go online [here](http://www.campusdish.com/en-US/CSMW/GVSU/ProductCategory.aspx?Catalog=GVSUVirtualCatalog&CategoryId=47) to purchase your meal plan, you will see that the cost of some plans, as well as the amount of Dining Dollars you receive is lower, reflecting the number of weeks left in the semester at the time of your purchase.

*How do I use my meal plan?*

Your student ID has a barcode on the back that is scanned each time you check out and the meal or Dining Dollars are subtracted from your account.

Important Websites to Remember:

To purchase or update your meal plan - <http://www.campusdish.com/en-US/CSMW/GVSU/>

Campus Dining Home – [www.gvsu.edu/campusdine](http://www.gvsu.edu/campusdine)

Campus Restaurant Options - <http://gvsu.edu/campusdine/campus-restaurants-14.htm>

Campus Restaurant Menus - <http://gvsu.edu/campusdine/restaurant-menus-7.htm>