WHY IS THE HONORS VILLAGE MEAL PLAN MANDATORY?

The Honors Village is a comprehensive facility that embodies the Honors cohort experience. The Village has the most comprehensive (and largest) dining facility on campus. The meal plan is a mandatory feature of living in this space and encourages the cohort to dine together, building community and friendship.

Financially speaking, certain costs such as room and board are mandatory in order to support this brand new comprehensive facility.
WHY CAN’T I HAVE THE DEBIT MEAL PLAN INSTEAD?
We anticipate that the Honors Village residents will eat most of their meals at the '85 North, because of this the HVMP offers the most value for these students. Debit Meal Plan holders will pay a retail price 20-30% higher than the value of using a HV meal swipe to eat at this facility.

WHERE CAN I USE MY SWIPES OR DINING DOLLARS?
Your swipes and dining dollars can be used anywhere on campus for food.
WHY DON’T MY MEALS CARRY OVER?
Because the value of a HV meal is already significantly discounted from the true cost (retail price) of entrance to '85 North, meals do not carry over. All unused balances expire at the end academic year. This is similar to how deeply discounted coupons and sales will have expiration dates. If the meals had no expiration, we could not offer the plan at such a discount/value.

DO MY DINING DOLLARS EXPIRE?
Your dining dollars do expire at the end of the academic year.
CAN I CHANGE MY MEAL PLAN AT ANY TIME?
You can upgrade or downgrade your meal plan during the first two weeks of each semester. After that timeframe you are locked into your selection but can upgrade at any time.

HOW CAN I MAKE SURE I USE ALL MY MEALS EACH WEEK/MONTH?
We highly encourage and hope that students use all their meals every week. We educate students on how to get the most value out of their Meal Plan. For instance, if it’s Sunday and a student still has meals left, a great option is to purchase some non-perishable food like granola bars to have for later in the week. Students have until the end of each month to redeem their meals, giving them plenty of opportunity to use all their available meals. In addition, we have made all dining venues available for the HV Meal Plan owners, to ensure every opportunity to utilize all meals.
I HAVE A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

The Honors College has many scholarships available, some of which are specific to only students living in the Honors Village. Please contact them for more details.

If you are not able to afford the housing fees or the meal plan for the Honors Village, we can connect you with a Res life representative that can suggest other Honors dorms on campus that are less expensive and do not have mandatory meal plans.
I HAVE A DIETARY RESTRICTION

The Honors Village dining hall will make every attempt to accommodate for the top 8 allergens and other common sensitivities such as gluten. We are very proud to be one of 12 universities to participate in the Food Allergen Research and Education National Pilot. We have been named #5 in the nation for Best Dining Hall for People with Allergies and Best Overall Food Allergy Program for Universities. Our dining staff is well trained on how to handle different dietary requests. We recommend connecting with Dining & Nutrition so they can educate you more on how to navigate campus with dietary requests.
I AM RUSHING GREEK LIFE AND IF I PLEDGE, WILL I HAVE TWO MANDATORY PLANS?

The short answer is No, you will not be required to have two mandatory plans.

If the house you rush does NOT have a meal plan at all (some have zero), then yes you will be required to purchase one HV Meal Plan. If the house you rush and become an active member of has a meal plan, we encourage you to look closely at the plan of the house first. Does that greek house meal plan offer enough meals per week for you to sustain and be successful? Some house offer very low amounts of meals per week and at differing times not always convenient. Do the greek meal periods match your school schedule? If you are happy with the mandatory greek meal plan your house offers, then contact our Meal Plans Office and you can fill an HV Meal Plan waiver form. We will then validate your new active status of the greek community and cross check the greek house does have a meal plan. We will then waive your HV Meal Plan requirement.

Keep in mind the HV Meal Plan not only works at the Honors Village, but also at all restaurant and eating locations across campus for your convenience. Including concessions at games.
HOW DO MY DINING DOLLARS WORK ALONG WITH THE SWIPES?
Dining dollars function as a checking account (declining debit) style and are for meal purchases. We recommend you use your dining dollars for smaller purchases that are below $10 or you can also use them in conjunction with your swipes for purchases that exceed $10.

WHAT IF I BUY AN ITEM THAT IS $11?
If your purchase exceeds $10, we suggest you use 1 swipe (which is equivalent to $10) and use your dining dollars to pay for the remaining balance.
WHAT IF I ONLY WANT COFFEE AND A CROISSANT FOR $5? WHAT SHOULD I DO?
If your purchase is below $10 we recommend using your dining dollars instead of a swipe. You can also use your CatCa$h account to make your purchase.

HOW MANY SWIPES CAN I USE EACH DAY?
You can use up to 5 swipes per day. You also have the ability to use these 5 swipes in one single transaction.
HOW DO GUEST SWIPES WORK?
Guest swipes function the same as your regular swipes and are intended to be used as payment for your family or friends meal purchase. They expire at the end of the academic year.

WHAT IS THE MOST COMMON USE FOR CATCA$H?
CatCa$h can be used for laundry, parking, printing, and food (if you run out of Meal Plan funds). CatCa$h is also accepted at over 40 businesses around and near campus.