How All Declining Balance Dining Plans Work

All declining balance plans come with a predetermined number of points. One point is equivalent to one dollar. Points are deducted from the proper account each time a purchase is made. You will be billed automatically in the spring semester for the same plan that was selected in the fall semester. You must contact the Office of Residence Life if you wish to change or cancel your spring dining plan in accordance with the dates outlined below. Unused fall semester points are carried over to the spring semester only if you purchase a plan of equal or higher value for the spring semester. It is a condition of residency that all undergraduate students living on campus select a dining plan. First-year resident students (those with fewer than 30 credits) must select plan 5, 6, or 7 for the fall and spring semesters. Undergraduate resident students with 30 credits or more may select from dining plans 2-7 for the fall and spring semesters.

The commuting student dining plan is available only to non-resident students. If you purchase the commuting student plan and then become a Hofstra resident student, your dining plan will be upgraded automatically to a resident dining plan, and you will be responsible for the corresponding price increase. Points are nonrefundable. Insufficient funds or lack of activity in using the dining plan shall not exempt you from the financial obligations of this contract. You will not receive a refund if you miss a meal or do not use your dining plan. Commuting students are not required to purchase a dining plan.

Fall semester points may be used from August 22, 2021 through January 26, 2022. If you do not purchase an equal or higher value plan for the spring semester, you shall forfeit any unused points as of January 26, 2022. Spring semester points may be used from January 27, 2022, through Sunday, May 22, 2021 (spring commencement).

All unused points are forfeited as of May 23, 2021. The deadlines for dining plan changes and cancellations are September 15, 2021, for the fall 2021 semester, and February 10, 2022, for the spring 2022 semester. No changes or cancellations will be accepted after these dates, regardless of dining plan usage. Designated dining locations may be closed during holidays or when classes are not in session. All purchases made using dining plans are exempt from sales tax. To the extent that multiple dining plan selections or contracts are submitted by you or your parent/guardian, the highest-priced plan will apply.

If you have any questions, concerns, or special needs, such as medical and/or dietary requirements, please call Dining Services at 516-463-7050.

I have read and acknowledge the above policies regarding dining plans and agree to be legally bound by these terms and conditions. I understand that I am responsible for the full cost of the dining plan selected above, regardless of my usage. I understand that the dining plan I selected for the fall semester will be renewed automatically for the spring semester. I understand that if I do not change or cancel my dining plan by the established deadline, I will be held financially responsible for the full cost of the plan I selected in the fall semester, for the entire academic year. I understand that if I do not pay the full amount due under this dining contract, or any other amount due on my student account, I will be responsible for all costs and expenses associated with the collection of such unpaid amounts, including the fees of any collections agency, which may be based on a percentage of the total balance due (up to a maximum of 45% of the total balance due) and reasonable attorney’s fees. Student-athletes are advised to discuss dining plan changes with their athletic administrator or financial aid counselor, as the student is ultimately responsible for any additional costs associated with the dining plan.