


Meal Plans & Dining Options

One of the most important parts of your residential experience at USC will be what you choose to eat. USC Hospitality is delighted to offer you options in alignment with our 'Food Philosophy' and goal to provide craveable, socially responsible cuisine for the Trojan Family. From traditional dining halls to a mix of restaurants, cafés and convenience stores, our program is designed to meet the unique needs and tastes of our student body.

Meal plans are assigned based on housing location and class standing. Students whose residential location does not require a meal plan may choose to participate in any plan on an optional basis. All freshmen living in university housing will be assigned a meal plan specific to their residence when they confirm a USC Housing contract. Residents may elect to change or upgrade to any meal plan available for their assigned hall or apartment. All plan changes must be submitted by August 30, 2019, for Fall 2019 and by January 19, 2020, for spring 2020.

We offer a variety of meal plans that can be tailored to your specific needs. In the "Full Meal Plan" category, our Cardinal Meal Plan and Gold Meal Plan both offer unlimited meal swipes in all three Residential Dining venues (Everybody's Kitchen, Parkside and USC Village Dining Hall). An upgrade to the Gold Meal Plan provides valuable Dining Dollars that can be used at USC Hospitality venues throughout the University Park and Health Science campuses. The Trojan Meal Plan offers a pre-established bank of Dining Dollars that can be used at USC Hospitality venues throughout both campuses.

	Cardinal Plan	 Gold Plan	Trojan Plan	Apartment Plan	Community 25 Plan	Community 50 Plan
Residential Dining Swipes per Semester	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	NOT UNLIMITED	40	25	50
Dining Dollars Declining Balance	N/A	\$500	\$3,810	\$150	\$50	\$100
Renew During Semester	NOT NECESSARY	NOT NECESSARY	NOT NECESSARY	YES	YES	YES
Available During Summer	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Price Per Semester	\$3,150	\$3,510	\$3,810	\$675	\$380	\$715
Guest Meals	7	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Required	YES			YES	NO	NO
	Arts & Humanities, Birnkrant, Fluor Tower, International Residential College, Marks Hall, Marks Tower, New North Residential College, Pardee Tower, Trojan Hall and McCarthy Honors College			Parkside Apartments, Webb Tower, Century Apartments, Cardinal Gardens, USC Village Apartments	Available to all USC students who are not required to have a meal plan	Available to all USC students who are not required to have a meal plan

Terms & Conditions

Students will be automatically enrolled in the default meal plan through the USC Housing online contracting process. Following this, anyone who would like to upgrade to another meal plan may do so online via the USCard Services website, mycard.usc.edu. If a meal plan is upgraded during the Fall Semester, that upgrade will apply to the Spring Semester as well, unless otherwise notified.

All meal plan changes must be submitted by Friday, August 30, 2019 for Fall 2019 and Sunday, January 19, 2020 for Spring 2020. Changes not made by these dates will result in assignment of the default meal plan for the remainder of the semester. All required meal plans reset at the end of each semester. Remaining funds cannot be refunded, transferred or sold. Cardinal, Gold, Trojan and Apartment plans reset on the last meal plan day of each semester, and is not refundable or transferable.

Students assigned the Apartment Meal Plan may purchase an additional Apartment Plan AFTER their original Apartment Plan has been depleted. Unused swipes & Dining Dollars do not roll over from semester to semester.

The Community Meal Plans are available to all USC Students who are NOT required to have a meal plan. These plans may be renewed at any time during the academic school year; however, they will reset at the end of the Spring Semester. Community Plans are the only meal plans available during Summer Semester and reset at the end of that semester.

Dietitian Contact Info

Students with special dietary needs should meet with the USC Hospitality Registered Dietitian to discuss the dining options available to help meet special dietary needs successfully. "Ask the Dietitian" at <http://hospitality.usc.edu>