

## Princeton University Dining Services

### Program:

- All individuals living in any of the 6 Residential Colleges are required to sign a Dining Services contract for one of the specified meal plans (freshmen, sophomores, upperclassmen, and grad students)
- 98% of students live on campus (according to BRDC benchmark appendix)
- No fraternities, sororities, or independent living groups recognized by Princeton
- Students on meal plan can eat in any Residential College Dining Hall and at the Center for Jewish Life
- To be admitted to a residential dining hall, students must present their TigerCard which is then swiped by a Dining Services employee. Each swipe of the card is tallied as one meal.
- Other options: independent cooking (living in Princeton housing, but not residential colleges), co-ops (live in Princeton-run Co-op), Eating Clubs

### Meal Plans:

- Options vary for freshmen and sophomore and upperclassmen
- Freshmen/Sophomores
  - Unlimited - \$5,340 per year
    - Unlimited entry into residential dining halls
    - 10 additional meals for guests during semester
  - Block 235 - \$5,127 per year
    - 235 meals per semester (15 weeks per semester averages to 15 meals/wk)
    - 10 of 235 meals used for guest
  - Block 190 - \$4913 per year
    - 190 meals per semester (12 meals/wk)
    - 10 of 190 meals used for guests
- Upperclassmen
  - All other plans
  - Block 95 - \$2937 per year
    - 95 meals per semester (6 meals/wk)
    - 10 of 95 can be used for guests
    - 2 extra meals per week free of charge<sup>1</sup>
  - Eating Clubs
    - 95 meal plan (pricing varies): allows you to switch between clubs and dining halls

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<sup>1</sup> Probably an incentive to keep some upperclassmen on meal plan instead of in the eating clubs.

- Only eating clubs (prices vary): Charter Club \$7200/year
- Co-ops
  - Three different co-op choices, ranging from \$1000-1200/year
- Independents
  - Live in Princeton housing with kitchens
  - Receive 2 free meals per week in dining halls

**Housing:**

- 3 four year residential colleges: Butler, Mathey, Whitman
  - For seniors/juniors who want to stay in the college system
- 3 two year residential colleges: Forbes, Rockefeller, Wilson
  - for freshmen and sophomores
- individual dormitories: independents
  - upperclassmen
  - can eat 2 free meals per week at dining halls
- Coops: Brown Hall and Two Dickinson St
  - Upperclassmen

**Hours of Operation:**

- Butler/Wilson, Rockefeller/Mathey, Forbes & Whitman College Dining Halls
  - Breakfast: 7:30am-11am (M-F), 7:30am-9:45am (Sat)
  - Brunch: 10am-2pm (Sat), 11am-2pm (Sun)
  - Lunch: 11:30am-2pm (M-F)
  - Dinner: 5pm-8pm (M-Sun)

Are clubs run through Princeton, or are they independent?

Independent

Join 2<sup>nd</sup> semester sophomore as a social member

Upperclassmen join club fully

Exchanges can be made: you have to switch meals

What is the cost of membership to an eating club (approximate)?

\$7200/year

Is this paid directly to Princeton?

no

Are there fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups at Princeton?

Not official—none have houses so there are no conflicts

Do eating clubs conflict with the interests of FSILGs?

no

Are all on-campus residents required to either opt into the Princeton dining plan or an eating club?

Yes, with other options above (independents and co-ops)

Are there financial subsidies for students with need?

Can transfer Princeton fin aid for board to eating clubs