

# Campus Dining Service

Residence Halls, Searcy Hall and Cone Hall occupants are required to select a Dining Plan. Shores Hall, Pryor Hall, University Apartment occupants and students that will be living off campus may select a Dining Plan today or after classes start in the fall.

Campus dining is provided by **ARAMARK Services Inc.** ARAMARK operates the Heritage Residential Restaurant called **RF<sup>2</sup>C (Real Food On Campus<sup>sm</sup>)** and the Student Center Food Court. All dining plans are block plans that provide a set number of entries into the cafeteria and are not limited to a daily or weekly limit.

**Hours**—The restaurant will feature extended hours Sunday through Thursday from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM. Hours are adjusted for weekends.

**Format**—With a curved Servery and variety seating, students will be able to enjoy all-you-care-to-eat dining. Features include American entrees, ethnically-inspired foods, vegetarian selections, fresh salads and sauté vegetables, grilled selections and deli sandwiches. An allergy free line is also available for students with special dietary needs.

**Student Center Food Court**—Selections are available from Chick-fil-A, Java City, Freshens Frozen Yogurt, Montague's Deli Sandwiches, Taco Bell, Grille Works, Ice Cream, Cookies, Rolls, Etc. An additional Java City is located in the Library and a convenience store is located in the Student Center. Lunch is also available in the Center for Health Sciences Bldg.

**Cost**—\$481.00 to \$1673.00

- Plan 1---\$1673.00 Includes 300 cafeteria entries per term in Heritage Restaurant with 200.00 Declining Balance for use in the Student Center Food Court. Any student may select this plan.
- Plan 2---\$1467.00 Includes 210 cafeteria entries per term in Heritage Restaurant with 200.00 Declining Balance for use in the Student Center Food Court or extra meals in the Heritage Restaurant. Any student may select this plan.
- Plan 3---\$1388.00 Includes 160 cafeteria entries per term in Heritage Restaurant with 300 Declining Balance for use in the Student Center Food Court or extra meals in the Heritage Restaurant. Students living in residence halls must meet Sophomore status before selecting this plan. Any apartment dorm or off campus student may select this plan.
- Plan 4---\$1175.00 Includes 125 cafeteria entries per term in Heritage Restaurant with 300.00 Declining Balance for use in the Student Center Food Court or extra meals in the Heritage Restaurant. Students living in residence halls must meet Junior status before selecting this plan. Any apartment dorm or off campus student may select this plan.
- Plan 5---\$1022.00 Includes 100 cafeteria entries per term in Heritage Restaurant with 300.00 Declining Balance for use in the Student Center Food Court or extra meals in the Heritage Restaurant. Students living in residence halls must meet Senior status before selecting this plan. Any apartment dorm or off campus student may select this plan.
- Plan 6---\$743.00 Includes 75 cafeteria entries per term in Heritage Restaurant with 200.00 Declining Balance for use in the Student Center Food Court or extra meals in the Heritage Restaurant. Any apartment dorm or off campus student may select this plan.
- Plan 7---\$481.00 Includes 35 cafeteria entries per term in Heritage Restaurant with 200.00 Declining Balance for use in the Student Center Food Court or extra meals in the Heritage Restaurant. Any apartment dorm or off campus student may select this plan.
- Declining Balance Accounts—Additional amounts may be added to the basic plan or may be purchased separately for students without a dining plan.

Declining Balances may be carried forward from the Fall Semester to the Spring Semester. Meals or entries into the cafeteria may not be carried forward, but may be shared with family or other Harding Students with a valid Harding ID.

## Selecting a Dining Plan:

- First—determine the minimum plan required based on student status and dorm assignment. Then decide on the number of times you want to enter the restaurant per term.
- Second—decide on the amount of Declining Balance you will use during the semester. Additional amounts may be purchased later in the Business Office in any increment.
- Third—go to the Harding Web site, select your dining plan choice and any additional Declining Balance

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION ABOUT DINING PLANS AND DECLINING BALANCE

**What is Declining Balance?** Money that is recorded under your ID number in ARAMARK's computer that can be spent in the Student Center Food Court, Coppa Kettle in Center for Health Science Bldg, Java City in the library, or for extra meals in the restaurant. Your card will also be accepted in the convenience store, and at any concession stand at athletic events.

**How do I use Declining Balance?** When you buy a drink, sandwich, taco, yogurt, etc., you will use your ID like a pre-paid credit card. The amount of your purchase will be subtracted from your balance.

**How do I keep up with the amount of Declining Balance that I have left?** The Business Office or the Cashier in the food service areas can tell you the amount in your account. Please present your ID when requesting balances.

**What is meant by block plans?** Each dining plan provides a set number of times that you may enter the cafeteria. It is up to the student how often and what services they use once they enter the restaurant. Students may share entries with family members or other Harding Students with a valid Harding ID. Entries expire at the end of each term. Entries are limited only by the number purchased.

**Are the meals different on the various plans?** No. All meals are in an all-you-care-to-eat format. The number of meals or entries available for the term is determined by the plan selected.

**May I change dining plans?** Yes. Please notify the Business Office by email before August 21, 2009 or come to the Business Office by Sept 1, 2009. You will also select a dining plan for the spring term and may make a different selection at that time.

**What if I run out of entries?** Students on the lower plans may purchase a higher plan with full number of entries and DCB. Students on larger plans may wish to add DCB for purchase of extra entries in Heritage Restaurant or meals in the Student Center.

**May I purchase additional Declining Balance?** Yes. Select additional Declining Balance on the Harding Web site before Aug 21, 2009 or come to the Business Office at any time to add varying amounts of Declining Balance. Amounts can be added in any increment. You may pay for the additional amount or have the bill sent home for payment.

**What if I am sick?** Sick trays are available with a request form from the Nurse, your RA, or Dorm Manager.

**What if I have food allergies or a medical condition?** Special diets may be provided when a doctor's prescription is given to the cafeteria manager.

**What if I work or attend a school related function?** Box meals are provided for students that miss meals because of work or school related functions. Students may sign up for a week at a time and a rotating menu is provided. Since the restaurant provides continuous service, work can normally be scheduled so that meals are not missed. Carry-out boxes are provided for students whose schedule makes it difficult to eat a particular meal in the restaurant.

**May I pay cash in the restaurant or Food Court?** Yes. You will be charged sales tax if you pay cash rather than using your declining balance account.

**What if I do not use all of my Declining Balance?** It will be carried forward from the fall semester to the spring semester and will need to be spent by the last day of the Spring Semester. You may purchase additional Declining Balance in any amount in the Business Office.

**What if I do not use all of my meals?** You are actually purchasing the ability to enter the cafeteria a number of times. There is no refund for left over entries and all entries expire at the end of the term.

**What if I move out of the residence halls or drop school?** Cost of meals will be due for any billing week started with a prorated refund. Declining Balance amounts that are part of the meal plan will be refunded on a prorated basis.

**How do I pay for my residence hall rent and dining plan?** The charges are added to your Business Office account and are due as billed.

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