

Georgetown University Meal Plan Exemption Policy

Georgetown University is dedicated to ensuring that students with dietary concerns due to documented medical conditions or religious dietary observance are accommodated appropriately. Students with food allergies or other medical conditions that raise dietary concerns (e.g. gluten intolerance, diabetes, gastrointestinal conditions, etc) or who observe religious diets may require accommodations or modifications such as:

- Specialized menus or diets in on-campus dining facilities
- Modifications to, or exemptions from, the University meal plan
- Special housing accommodations (e.g. ability to use appliances in campus housing, housing with private kitchen, or housing located near a restroom)

Please note that a meal plan exemption will only be granted if the Dining Services program cannot meet the nutritional needs of the student. Before requesting an exemption, students are required to meet with the Dining Services Registered Dietitian to discuss all of the dining options available. To request a meeting with the Registered Dietitian, please email mealplans@georgetown.edu. After meeting with the Registered Dietitian, exemption requests will be reviewed by the Academic Resource Center to determine if housing accommodations are needed.

Students requesting accommodation due to food allergies, food intolerances, or medical diets are responsible for requesting documentation from their medical care provider. This documentation must provide a clear explanation of the specific nature of the student's medical condition and the reasons it necessitates dietary accommodations. The medical care provider's area of specialty should coincide with the nature of the student's medical request. Any medical information provided by the student and medical care provider will be used only for the purpose of evaluating the request for dietary accommodations and will be kept private.

Meal Plan Exemption Request Process:

1. Request a meeting with the Dining Services Registered Dietitian to determine how/if Dining Services can meet your specific needs. You can schedule a meeting by emailing mealplans@georgetown.edu.
2. Forward supporting documentation to the Registered Dietitian.
3. If it is determined that Dining Services cannot meet your nutritional needs, requests will be reviewed so that appropriate accommodations can be made.

Please note:

- Exemptions for the following reasons will not be considered: work/class/practice schedules, supplemental access to a kitchen, personal preferences (e.g. voluntary vegan/vegetarian/gluten free diet)
- A written statement from a licensed health care provider does not guarantee the student will receive a meal plan exemption
- Students are obligated to pay for the assigned meal plan until an exemption request is approved. It is recommended that you pay for your meal plan, and if your request is approved, your account will be credited the corresponding amount for the exempted meal plan.
- Meal plan exemptions are valid for one (1) academic year. For consecutive year requests, students must reapply for a meal plan exemption with current documentation dated within 6 months of the application.