



## **2016-17 Meal Plan Policies**

### **Meal Plan Basics**

Meals reset every Sunday morning to the total weekly amount allowable under the specific dining plan purchased. The meal plan week starts on Sunday at brunch and ends with dinner on Saturday. Unused meals do not carry over from week to week.

Meal plan membership and privileges are for the exclusive use of the student to whom it was issued, are not transferrable to any other person, and may not be used to provide entry into a dining room or provide food or drink for others.

### **Eco-Clamshells/Green Boxes**

All meal plan holders are given one eco-clamshell/green box container. If it is lost, stolen, or missing, you may choose to replace it for \$5.00 at any house dining location.

These containers are provided so students may take a meal to go from the dining room during regular meal periods. You may also take a beverage cup provided by Bon Appetit.

For a meal to go, bring the container with you and swipe your card at the cashier like a regular meal. You will have a specified amount of time to go through the café to make your meal selection.

To-go meals should not contain excessive amounts of any one item. Dining staff may inspect the container contents for compliance with this policy.

If you plan to eat in the dining hall and also have a container to return, you must return your container to the cashier when presenting your card for your meal swipe. Please remember to rinse and clean your container before returning it to the dining hall.

You are not permitted to eat in the dining hall and take out food. Doing so will revoke your privilege for to-go meals. The containers are provided for meals to be taken and eaten outside of the dining halls.

All other dishes such as cups, trays, and utensils must remain in the dining hall.

In order to meet city health code and sanitation standards, the use of personal reusable containers, including cups of any type, are not allowed.

### **Express Meals**

Students enrolled in a meal plan may order a box meal(s) in lieu of attending a regular meal service period(s). Box meal service is only available Monday – Friday when classes are in session. Box meals are not available on weekends or holidays.

Box meals must be ordered online [<http://mit.cafebonappetit.com/carry-out-meals/>] by 12:00 pm the day prior to pick up. Students may pick up their orders during regular dining hours. Students must present their MIT ID to the cashier when picking up box meals.

Students are not permitted to obtain another meal in the house dining halls during the same meal period for which a box meal was obtained.

Students enrolled in “Basic” meal plans may order breakfast and dinner meals only. Students enrolled in “Full” or “Any” meal plans may order breakfast, lunch, or dinner meals.

*See also: Sick Meals, Group Pack Outs*

### **Group Pack Outs**

Meal orders must be placed 72 hours prior to the meal requested. Please bring a completed order form [<http://mit.cafebonappetit.com>] to the manager on duty at any dining location.

The group leader will receive an email confirmation of their order and **MUST** confirm via email that it is accurate before the order is completed.

For students who are on the meal plan, the meal will be deducted from their individual meal plan account 48 hours prior to pick up. If a student does not have a meal plan available for that specific meal or is not on the meal plan, the group leader will be notified and the group account will be charged for the meal.

A student who is signed up for a group pack out meal will not be able to eat in any dining hall during that meal period.

Pack-out meals can be picked up at the Howard Dining Hall at Maseeh Hall. There is a \$25 charge for delivery.

All food will be in disposable pans. Each group will need to provide their own coolers, charcoal, cooking and serving utensils.

### **Guest Passes**

Every meal plan holder receives free guest passes to bring a guest to dine in any one of the house dining halls.

Guest passes are available for use after the end of the meal plan change period. The number of guest passes available varies by meal plan type. Please see chart below.

<b>Meal Plan Type</b>	<b>Number of guest passes per semester</b>
Full 19	8
Any or Basic 14	6
Any or Basic 12	4
Any or Basic 10	2

All students must present their MIT ID card to the cashier to be swiped after their regular meal has been swiped.

- Only one guest pass may be used during each meal period.
- The meal plan holder must accompany individuals using a guest pass during the meal that the pass is being used.
- Guest passes expire at the end of the semester and are not transferrable to another semester, or redeemable in any other form.

### **ID Cards**

The meal plan membership card is the MIT photo ID card validated for the plan in which the student is enrolled. To enter a house dining hall, students must provide their ID card for the cashier to “swipe”. The specific meal will be deducted from the student’s weekly meal balance upon each entry into a dining room. Students are not permitted to re-enter any house dining hall utilizing their weekly meal plan until the next meal period for which they are eligible. MIT Dining and their vendors reserve the right to have an employee inspect ID cards at any time and to request other identification to verify the identity of the card holder.

### **Forgotten IDs**

Students who forget their MIT ID may be admitted to a house dining hall at the sole discretion of the house dining manager, and for no more than three times within one semester. Students will be required to register in the Forgotten ID logbook available at every register. MIT Dining and their vendor

reserve the right to deny entry to individuals who frequently forget their ID card.

### **Lost or Stolen IDs**

Students who lose their MIT card, or have it stolen, should follow the procedures for card deactivation on the MIT Card Services website [<http://mycard.mit.edu>]. To protect their meal plan weekly balance, as well as TechCASH and other account balances, students should deactivate their card and obtain a replacement within three days. When arriving for meal periods during this time, individuals should bring email confirmation reporting the lost/stolen ID along with a photo ID to verify identity and meal plan. House Dining reserves the right to deny entry to individuals who do not replace their ID card within three days of reporting it lost or stolen.

### **Late Night Dining**

Late night dining is available in Maseeh Hall and Simmons Hall, Sunday through Thursday.

Maseeh Hall is open 10:00 pm – 1:00 am.  
Simmons Hall is open 9:00 pm – 1:00 am.

Students with an "ANY" or "FULL" meal plan may use one of their swipes at Maseeh Hall or Simmons Hall late night dining in lieu of another meal during the day. Students with a "Basic" plan may use a dinner swipe at late night dining if they missed that day's available dinner meal.

Specific menu information is posted in each location.

Students may also use cash or TechCASH for late night dining.

### **Sick Meals**

Sick meals are available to students who are ill and unable to come to a house dining hall for a scheduled meal. Sick meals can be picked up at breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

Sick students should not pick up their own meals. Students should ask another student to bring their MIT ID card to the dining hall to pick up the sick meal. One meal will be deducted from his/her account. Meal plan participants will not be permitted to obtain another meal in house dining rooms for the meal period in which they have had a sick meal.

## **Taking Food Out of the Dining Hall**

Meals must be finished in the dining room.

No food or beverages may be removed from a dining hall, except for a piece of fruit or cookie.

Removing food items in bulk, hiding food in personal property, or removing any items not included in the above list is not permitted (i.e., several bagels, loaf of bread, etc.)

MIT reserves the right to inspect packages, coats, bags, purses or other personal property brought into the dining areas upon the reasonable belief that there has been a violation of the policy.