COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY

The following policies reflect the values of Housing & Residential Services and were established to uphold our mission of creating a community that is conducive to living and learning. As a member of the UCSB community it is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with these policies and to abide by them. Violation of any of the following policies jeopardizes your housing contract, violates the UCSB Standard of Conduct Code 102.07, and may result in University sanctions or legal prosecution.

These policies apply to all UCSB students and their guests when they are within Housing & Residential Services environs (including parking lots) and are also enforceable while participating in Housing sponsored activities on or off campus.

Please consult your Resident Assistant (RA) should you have any questions regarding the policies outlined in the sections below.

*Failure to complete assigned sanctions may result in further administrative action including, but not limited to, a hold being placed on your GOLD account.

RESIDENTIAL DINING POLICIES

The dining commons are an extension of the residence halls and, as such, all persons are required to abide by all university policies and campus regulations.

Behavior

The following behaviors are inappropriate and grounds for immediate exclusion from the meal and follow-up disciplinary action, which could include eviction from the residence halls and the UCSB community and/or criminal proceedings.

- Verbally abusive behavior to staff, including physically threatening conduct, verbal threats, use of profanity, abusive name-calling or non-compliance with staff directions
- The possession or use of alcohol and other drugs on the premises, or entering a facility under the influence of alcohol or other drugs
- Throwing food or other items or inciting or participating in a food fight
- Vandalism or theft of plants, artwork, dishware, silverware, equipment or other University property
- Sneaking into or trespassing in the dining commons

Bag Check

All purses, backpacks, and other carry bags are subject to inspection as you leave the Dining Commons. Students may leave their personal belongings in the Dining Commons at their own risk. The Dining Commons is not responsible for lost items.

Meal Plan

The standard freshmen dining program offers a selection of options from Unlimited, 17, 14, to 10 dining entries per week. Continuing students may elect from Unlimited, 17, 14, 10, to 7 dining entries per week.

Meal Plan Change Requests

If you would like to increase or decrease the number of meals in your Meal Plan, you can fill out a request online at the Dining Services web page at http://www.housing.ucsb.edu/dining/changing-meal-plans by the deadline posted. An increase or decrease to your meal plan can be made at any time, and the change will take effect the following week.

Missed Meals

Residential Dining does not limit the number of times you can enter the dining hall during each meal. Your selected meal plan entries can be used whenever you want. Your meal plan balance (with the exception of those with an unlimited plan) is reduced by one every time you enter the Dining Commons during the week. Meals left on the balance after Sunday dinner cannot be rolled over to the next week and there is no compensation for missed meals.

Excessive Meals

Students who exceed the number of meals on their Meal Plan in any given week will be billed at the guest meal rate on their BARC account for each excessive meal.

Guest Meals

Guests are welcome and must be accompanied by a Residence Hall student in any of the Dining Commons. No cash is accepted at the door. The guest price will be charged to the sponsoring Residence Hall student’s BARC account. Prices for guest meals are posted at each commons.
Meal Permit
ACCESS ID Cards must be presented to the lobby checker upon entering the Dining Commons, or upon request by a Housing & Residential Services staff member. All lost or defective cards must be replaced immediately. Each student’s meal plan must be utilized only by the student.

Meal Permit Misuse
Use of your meal permit (ACCESS ID Card) by another person is prohibited. A $25 fine per meal for loaning or misusing the ACCESS ID Card will be assessed and your ACCESS Card will be confiscated immediately.

Personal Restrictions
Students with restricted diets, food allergies, or restricted schedules are not guaranteed menu choices or meal times which will meet their needs in the campus dining facilities. Students with restrictions are expected to take personal responsibility for appropriate food choices, work closely with the dining managers, and supplement their meals where needed.

Meals When Ill
Students who are too ill or medically unable to eat a meal in the Dining Commons may have a friend or roommate pick up an authorization form at the front desk which must be signed by a staff member (RD or ARD). The friend/roommate must present the signed form to the lobby checker who will notify the student supervisor for assistance. We are unable to make special arrangements for restricted diets.

Take-Out Policy
No food or equipment is allowed to be taken out of the Dining Commons except through the following approved programs: Meals When Ill, In Lieu of Meals, or the Take-Out Meals at Ortega.

Hours
Students may eat in any of the Dining Commons. Regular meal hours and special meal hours for finals week and academic/administrative holidays are posted in the Residence Halls and Dining Commons.