

DIETARY AND MEAL PLAN ACCOMMODATIONS

Policy

Worcester State University (WSU), is dedicated to making its programs, services and activities accessible for qualified students with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations as determined by Student Accessibility Services may provide students with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in on campus dining. Students with special dietary needs are often able to have their needs met by Chartwells, WSU's dining service provider.

Student Accessibility Services (SAS) will work with the student to determine if accommodations may be needed within the required meal plan. Meal plan accommodations, including a modification or exemption from mandatory participation in a meal plan are rare. Exemptions are made solely for documented medical conditions, including food allergies, that require specially medically necessitated diets that cannot be accommodated by Chartwells.

Procedure

The process for initiating meal plan accommodations is the responsibility of the student. Students are encouraged to begin this process before arriving on campus for the semester or as soon as a new diagnosis is made during the academic year.

- Students are required to [register with SAS](#).
- Students are required to provide appropriate documentation from a qualified licensed professional. Documentation must include the diagnosis and rationale of the need for a medically restricted diet (or need for meal plan /dietary accommodations).
- Student Accessibility Services will schedule an interactive intake meeting upon review of the student's registration form and documentation from a qualified professional.
- SAS will follow-up with Chartwells to discuss and determine if the student's specific needs and safety concerns can be addressed by food services.
- SAS will facilitate a virtual introduction of the student with Chartwell's director of dining services to assist the student in navigating dietary options and an introduction to Chartwell's staff who may assist.
- It is the student's responsibility to notify SAS in a timely manner about any issues or concerns related to their accommodation.
- Grievance Procedure: Please see Student Accessibility Services Grievance Policy.
- Chartwell's director of dining services serves as the point of contact in Dining Services for students who have questions or concerns regarding nutrition or dietary needs.

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