Guide to Campus Dining

2019-2020
Let’s Eat!

College students are faced with demanding schedules every day. Where and what to eat should be easy and delicious — and that’s where we come in.

We’re VCU Dine, the award-winning dining program at Virginia Commonwealth University. It’s our mission to provide fresh, quality food that’s convenient to everyone on campus. That’s why our 25 dining locations are spread across every corner of VCU’s two campuses, offering students everything from traditional dining halls to grab-and-go retail locations. Plus, with 10 different dining plans to choose from, students can select the plan that’s perfect for their unique lifestyle.

Getting hungry? Learn more about our dining program here or online: vcu.campusdish.com

As always, we invite you to reach out via the contact information below with any questions or concerns.

“Welcome, Rams! On behalf of the entire VCU Dine team, we look forward to serving you during your time at VCU.”

- Hamilton Goss, VCU Dine Executive Chef

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Here’s how it works
There are three ways to dine with us on campus:

**Swipes**
One swipe equals one meal. Swipes may always be used at either Shafer’s Market 810 or Jonah’s. They can also be applied to **Swipe Exchange** options at other VCU Dine locations.

**Swipe Exchange**
Most of our campus dining locations offer swipe exchange, meaning you can exchange one swipe for a designated meal.

*Specific times apply; visit vcu.campusdish.com*

**Dining Dollars**
Think of Dining Dollars as a prepaid and reloadable debit card, accepted at all VCU Dine locations (including vending machines) for anything from a Starbucks coffee to a full meal at Chili’s @ VCU.

**RamBucks** is managed through VCUCard, Contact VCUCard at: 804-827-2273.
Off-Campus Meal vs. On-Campus Meal

**Average cost of one off-campus meal**
$14.18

**Average cost of one swipe**
$8.67

**The new eatery near campus**
A salad with chicken, various toppings and a fountain beverage
$13.92

**Au Bon Pain**
A salad with antibiotic free chicken, romaine, housemade croutons, Asiago cheese & Caesar dressing with a medium fountain beverage
1 Swipe = $8.67

**The sandwich spot near campus**
1/2 sandwich + 1/2 cup soup and a fountain beverage
$14.45

**Bleecker St.**
Pick 2: 1/2 salad, 1/2 sandwich or 12oz. soup and a side with a medium fountain beverage
1 Swipe = $8.67

Average cost of one off-campus meal
$14.18

Average cost of one swipe
$8.67

Savings per meal
$5.51

Savings per semester
$633.65

That’s the same as: 149 tall Starbucks Caramel Macchiatos!
## Dining Plan Options

Choose the right plan for you!

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*Available to All Students

*Required Plans for Students in: Brandt, Johnson, Rhoads, GRC, GRCIII and Honors College*
Dates to Remember

Fall Plans Begin: 2:00 p.m., August 14, 2019
Fall Plans End: 10:30 a.m., December 18, 2019
Spring Plans Begin: 10:30 a.m., January 8, 2020
Spring Plans End: 10:30 a.m., May 9, 2020

Deadlines for changes
Fall Semester: 4:00 p.m., September 6, 2019
Spring Semester: 4:00 p.m., January 31, 2020

Sign up!

1. Choose a plan listed on the left

2. Enroll online: vcu.campusdish.com
   Automatically billed to your student account

3. Use your VCU Card to gain access to Shafer Court Dining Center.

4. Running low on dining dollars?
   Reload online: vcu.campusdish.com

5. Need to add a second dining plan?
   Call Dining Services at 804-828-1148

*Default plan and most popular plan. *Assumes 16.5 weeks per semester; Dining Dollars supplement meals. *Spring Dining Plans will renew automatically for students residing in dorm-style residence halls. Automatic spring plan renewal is optional for students not residing in dorm-style residence halls. Some plans also have Guest Meals, visit vcu.campusdish.com for details.
Staying Healthy

All menus and nutrition information for Shafer’s Market 810 can be found at vcu.campusdish.com and on the VCU Mobile App under ‘Dining.’

The free MyFitnessPal app, which is integrated with Market 810 in Shafer, allows students to monitor their nutrition and physical fitness. Just search for Market 810 food items with the keyword “Aramark on Campus.”

Food Restrictions and Allergies
VCUDine has the expertise and resources to accommodate most types of dietary constraint, including gluten and dairy-free. Our registered dietitian is available for complimentary one-on-one consultations to help you plan for your individual needs.

For more information, visit vcu.campusdish.com or browse our dietary guide.

Sustainability
VCUDine is committed to reducing waste and chemical pollution while also conserving water and energy. Learn more about our eco-efforts at: vcu.campusdish.com/sustainability

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Our Events

Join us throughout the year at Shafer Court Dining Center for special events and themed meals that showcase the culinary talents of our dedicated team. Some events we’ve hosted include:

**MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST**  Sponsored by SGA
**SEAFOOD BASH**
**STEAK NIGHT**
**FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL**
**GUEST RESTAURANTS**
**BASKETBALL WATCH PARTIES**

All VCU Men’s Basketball away game watch parties are hosted at Chili’s @ VCU. Fans can enjoy the game, food and drink specials and free VCU gear.
Award-Winning Facilities

Our VCU Dine programs and facilities are consistently ranked amongst the best in the country. Below are just a few of the honors received in recent years:

**Commonwealth Award of Merit, 2017**
Chinese New Year at Shafer Court Dining Center
Virginia Public Relations Award

**Edwin R. Golden Award, 2009 & 2016**
Shafer Court Dining Center: Guest Restaurant Program
Shafer Court Dining Center: Chinese New Year Celebration
National Association of College Auxiliary Services

**New Store Design Innovation, 2014**
P.O.D. Market
National Association of College & University Food Services

**Bronze Award, 2012**
Jonah’s — a culinary emporium
National Association of College & University Food Services

**Best in Business, 2010**
Jonah’s — a culinary emporium
National Association of College & University Food Services

**Public Institution Winner, Dining Halls of Distinction, 2009**
Shafer Court Dining Center
University Business Magazine