

# Housing & Food Agreement

## 2024-2025 Academic Year

### Dickinson College

All full-time enrolled first-year students, sophomores, juniors, and seniors are required to live in College housing and participate in a College meal plan. The residential learning environment offers rich opportunities for students' intellectual and social growth and development. These opportunities include making connections with students whose life experiences are different from your own, actively participating in your residential community, and living into the values of a Dickinsonian. This document is intended to explain the terms and conditions under which Dickinson students are provided with these opportunities and services.

Exceptions to the residency and meal plan requirements are made for students who meet any one of the following criteria:

- Student is studying abroad for the semester,

- Student is married and living with spouse, or

- Student has been granted commuter status because they are living with a parent/guardian at their permanent address (i.e., used for tax purposes) within 25 miles of the campus.

Requests for additional exceptions may be made to the Associate Director of Campus Life for Residence Life & Housing.

Residing in College housing brings with it certain obligations and responsibilities. This document, together with the Student

Students living in College-provided housing are permitted to move into their semester assignment no sooner than the Saturday prior to the start of classes each semester. Unless approved for an early return at the request of the College, any student returning to campus before the established return date for their class year may be subject to a fee for their early return.

Exceptions are made for:

- Athletes who must return earlier to participate in training camp or competitions, and for whom the prior approval and sponsorship (i.e., charges for Housing and Food) of the Athletic Department has been obtained;
- Students working for campus offices, with the prior approval of their supervisor and sponsorship of the concerned department;
- New students participating in an orientation program or students assisting with orientation programs, with the approval of the director of those programs.

Student housing remains open during the following break periods: Fall Pause; Thanksgiving Vacation; and Spring Vacation. Dates for these periods are posted on the College's web site at:

[https://www.dickinson.edu/info/20184/academic\\_offices\\_and\\_resources/3546/2023-2024\\_academic\\_calendar](https://www.dickinson.edu/info/20184/academic_offices_and_resources/3546/2023-2024_academic_calendar)

During these breaks, students may remain in their assigned rooms at no additional cost. However, Dining facilities and Facilities Management staff are unavailable with the exception of Fall Pause, and Campus Life may require students to register in order to remain on campus.

During Winter Vacation students are not permitted to remain on campus without approval from Campus Life. Certain Winter sport athletes are permitted to return to campus on the date established by the Athletic Department. Please be aware that if you are approved to remain on campus during this time, you may be charged a nominal fee.

Unless you have permission to remain in College housing for certain approved reasons, you are expected to leave campus each semester no later than within 24 hours after your last exam or by noon on the designated closing date for residence halls (fall semester: December 22, 2024 & spring semester: May 14, 2025), whichever comes first. If you require an exception to this policy, you must make a request in writing to the Associate Director of Campus Life for Residence Life & Housing seven days prior to the closing date of the residence halls. In the spring semester, students who are graduating are permitted to remain in College housing until 7:00 p.m. on the Sunday of Commencement Weekend (May 18, 2025). Students who are assisting with Commencement Weekend must be sponsored by a campus office and receive permission from the Associate Director of Campus Life for Residence Life & Housing to remain in College housing for part or all of Commencement Weekend.

Fees for housing and meal plans ("Housing and Food") are payable according to the payment schedule published by the Student Accounts Office and published at:

[http://www.dickinson.edu/info/20082/financial\\_operations/1436/annual\\_fees\\_tuition\\_room\\_board](http://www.dickinson.edu/info/20082/financial_operations/1436/annual_fees_tuition_room_board)

There are five housing rates: double occupancy, single occupancy, triple/quadruple occupancy, apartment double/triple/quadruple, or single apartment. Students will be charged the rate according to the housing they select or accept. Students who are granted certain housing accommodations for a specific type of room will be charged the double room rate.

A student who is not in good financial standing may be prohibited from selecting a room for the upcoming semester.

Students residing in College housing or returning from Study Abroad must select a meal plan offered by the College. Your selection or a default to the standard food plan Traditional Board (Traditional Board - Any 21 meal plan) meal plan will be locked in at 4 p.m. the Friday before classes start. Meal plan selections available to you are determined by your housing assignment. Students with food allergies and special dietary needs are required to have a meal plan and are directed to Access and Disag0 .156100.00000912 0 612 792 reWt

offices are located in the Holland Union Building Suite 207 and more information can be found online at:  
[http://www.dickinson.edu/homepage/346/campus\\_dining](http://www.dickinson.edu/homepage/346/campus_dining).



Students who study away only for the fall semester must contact Campus Life no later than November 11, 2024 regarding housing preferences for the spring semester. Options are limited in the spring semester, but all students returning from abroad will be housed on campus.

Students who study away for the spring semester or for the full academic year may select a proxy to represent them in the room selection process. Students must provide Campus Life with written (including electronic mail) notification of their proxy no later than April 11, 2025. Proxies must be current students at Dickinson College who are eligible to participate in the room selection process. It is your responsibility to talk to your proxy about preferences for room selection. Campus Life will not act as proxy and select a room for students who do not or are unable to attend room selection.

Students who have been assigned to a housing space and who choose not to return to Dickinson College for the upcoming semeste