

Religion-based Dietary Accommodations Policy

Dining together fosters connections between residents and the campus community. Coe College Dining Services provides a wide variety of food options to meet each student's individual needs. However, it may be necessary for students to request special meal plan accommodations in certain Religion-based situations.

Occasionally, students have special dietary needs and require an accommodation to the Meal Plan for religious reasons. In most cases, Coe College Dining Services can meet these needs. It is rare for a residential student to be exempt from the meal plan.

There may be students who observe a religious practice that influences their diet, which Coe College Dining Services may not be able to accommodate fully. Students who fall into this category would be eligible for reductions in their meal plan (i.e. 175 BLOCK PLAN or Basic-11 Meal Plan).

Requests for Religious Meal Plan Exemptions

Meal plan accommodations are available for residents with religion-related dietary restrictions that cannot be met in any circumstance by Coe College Dining Services.

A student seeking a meal plan accommodation based on the dietary requirements of the student's *religion* should complete the Dietary Accommodation Request Form available through:

Contact Melanie Ostmo in the Accessibility Office (mostmo@coe.edu). Requests must be submitted in email/writing and then interviewed in-person/zoom/phone with Melanie Ostmo and then reviewed by the Exemptions Committee for final decision.

When requesting accommodations for meal plans, please note the following:

- Students must request meal plan accommodations within the first week of each semester (except in cases of documented medical disabilities that require disability accommodation).
- **NO** Meal plan accommodations are based on vegetarianism or veganism. Vegetarian and vegan options are available for every meal according to the dietary requirements of vegetarians and vegans.
- A meal plan accommodation cannot be justified by financial hardship. Students should contact the Office of Financial Aid with any financial inquiries.
- Meal plans will not be exempt for students who live in dorm rooms without kitchens.

Meal plan accommodation requests are not guaranteed. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis with a review of the Exemptions Committee. Any submissions after the set deadline will not be heard until the following semester. No exceptions.

If you have further questions about Sodexo
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