BC Dining Dictionary

À la carte- À la carte is a style of service in which each menu item has a separate price. BC Dining Programs are à la carte and students pay for the menu items they choose. This is opposed to university dining programs that are “all you care to eat.”

BC Bakery- BC Dining produces baked goods at our in-house BC Bakery located in the back of McElroy Commons. The BC Bakery serves a variety of baked goods on campus, including over 1,000 freshly baked chocolate chip cookies each day.

BC Gifts- BC Gifts allows parents, colleagues, and friends to send a cake, dessert, or care package in a BC Gift Box. Orders may be placed online for pickup or delivery on campus.

BC Test Kitchen- In this culinary innovation program, BC Dining team members suggest creative menu ideas and they are tested in dining locations. A dish will appear on the permanent menu if well-received.

Dining Bucks- Dining Bucks can be used at any dining location, including vending machines. Dining Bucks rollover each academic year. Any Dining Bucks not used by the time of graduation will be refunded. There are two kinds of Dining Bucks:

- **Residential Dining Bucks**- A certain amount of Residential Dining Bucks are part of the Mandatory Meal Plan. The 2017-2018 Mandatory Meal Plan has $175 Residential Dining Bucks each semester. Residential Dining Bucks cannot be used during the summer.

- **Optional Dining Bucks**- Optional Dining Bucks can be added at any time, providing flexibility to choose the amount of funds (a minimum of $20). Optional Dining Bucks provide a 10% point of sale discount every day on purchases made from qualifying on-campus dining locations. Optional Dining Bucks can be used during the summer.

Dining to Go- Student groups, faculty, and staff are able to place online orders for meals or snacks for small gatherings. Orders can be picked up at several campus dining locations.

Eagle Bucks- Eagle Bucks are funds that can be added onto a student account through the BC Portal. Eagle Bucks can be used at a variety of locations, including BC bookstores, residence hall laundry facilities, campus ticket offices, campus printers and copiers, and off-campus locations. There are no discounts or bonus dollars associated with Eagle Bucks. Eagle Bucks rollover each academic year. Any Eagle Bucks purchased and not used by the time of graduation will be refunded.

Eagle One Card (BC ID)- This card is the official Boston College ID and it links the student’s account to their dining funds. In the dining locations, the Eagle One Card acts as a loaded debit card that allows students to purchase food and beverages.

Farmers Market- On Thursdays in the fall, there is a seasonal farmers market in the Corcoran Commons Plaza. The farmers market features locally grown produce and locally prepared food products. Mandatory Meal Plan funds can be used at the farmers market.
**Flex Dining Plan** - The Flex Dining Plan is an optional dining plan available to students with or without the Mandatory Meal Plan and can be used at all on-campus dining locations. Each level of the Flex Dining Plan includes bonus dollars. Flex Dining Plan funds rollover each academic year and those not used by graduation will be refunded. Flex Dining Plan funds can be used during the summer.

**The Loft @ Addie’s** - Located on the second floor of Corcoran Commons, The Loft @ Addie’s is almost all student-run and was opened in 2007 in collaboration with BC Dining and the students of Real Food BC as a place for local, sustainable food. Addie’s is open between 8am - 1pm for Equal Exchange specialty coffee drinks, breakfast pastries, bagels, and acai bowls, and between 4:30pm - 9pm for custom flatbreads, handmade veggie burgers, paninis, and salads.

**Mandatory Meal Plan** - All first-year students and other students living in residence halls without a kitchen are required to purchase a Mandatory Meal Plan. Students have 32 academic weeks over the course of the academic year to use the funds. The Mandatory Meal Plan can be used at the major dining locations. Funds leftover from the fall semester rollover to the spring semester, but any remaining funds at the end of the year expire at the end of the academic year. Leftover Mandatory Meal Plan funds are not refunded and there are no exceptions to this policy.

**Menus of Change** - BC is proud to be part of this University Research Collaborative that promotes food service, menu, and consumer choices that support good nutrition and sustainability. The Collaborative addresses the critical roles that culinary arts, menu design, ingredient sourcing, and service layout can play in fostering lasting change towards how individuals and institutions consider food choices.

**Plain and Simple** - Plain and Simple is a food station open daily for dinner in Corcoran, McElroy, and Stuart. This station is free of the 8 top allergens (wheat, soy, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, fish, and shellfish), as well as gluten and sesame.

**The Ratt** - BC students commonly refer to the Welch Dining Room as the Ratt. Located in the basement of Lyons Hall and open between 8am - 3:30pm, the Ratt features freshly made and brand name grab n’ go items, a selection of New England Coffee, and a salad bar.

**Self-operated dining program** - BC Dining is a self-operated dining program and is not a contracted service. We do not outsource production of our food; we make our food in-house.

**Value Meals** - As a student managing a declining balance of meal plan funds, value meals help stay on a budget. For example, for $10, a student can buy a large entrée salad and a piece of whole fruit, or a chicken breast entrée and 2 sides.