

Food Allergies/Meal Plan Accommodations

Food allergies may constitute a disability under the ADA, 42 U.S.C.~ 12102. Individuals with food allergies may have an autoimmune response to certain foods, the symptoms of which may include difficulty swallowing and breathing, asthma, and anaphylaxis. The college has set up a procedure to ensure that all requests are appropriately considered.

To request a dining accommodation, the student must begin by completing the Meal Plan/Dinning Accommodation Form describing their documented disability. The student must also supply current and appropriate medical documentation which has been completed by the appropriate medical professional. The medical professional cannot be related to the student applying. Students will often be required to meet with the Director of Dining Services to discuss their needs and learn of the options available to them. Dining Services is very understanding of the challenges with today's diverse dining needs and has many options for students www.uniondining.com. The College also employs a Registered Dietitian and appointments can be scheduled.

Requests for dining accommodations are handled by the Special Needs Committee. The committee will notify students of it decision in writing. The decision will be based on the medical necessity of the accommodation. If the accommodation is not granted, students may appeal the decision to the ADA/504 Coordinator. Students may also reapply for the following trimester.