

RCA MEALS 2013-14 F.A.Q.

RCA TRAINING PERIOD

All A/RCA's are given swipes on their TigerCards to cover meals from August 30 to September 6, 2013. The swipes on the card will cover the following dates and meals, and all other meals during Training will be provided:

- Friday, Aug. 30 – dinner in Whitman
- Saturday, Aug. 31 – dinner in Whitman (brunch available at your college, no swipe necessary)
- Sunday, Sept. 1 – breakfast, lunch, and dinner in Whitman
- Monday, Sept. 2 – breakfast, lunch, and dinner in Whitman
- Tuesday, Sept. 4 – breakfast in Butler/Wilson
- Wednesday, Sept. 5 – breakfast in Butler/Wilson
- Thursday, Sept. 6 – breakfast in Butler/Wilson
- Friday, Sept. 7 – breakfast and dinner in Butler/Wilson

REGULAR CONTRACT PERIOD

A/RCA's are allowed to eat brunch in their own dining hall on Saturday, September 7. For the master's welcome dinners that happen in the colleges on Saturday evening, neither A/RCA's nor first-year students will swipe, since swiping slows down the lines and delays the start time of the dinners and all subsequent events. After that, the TigerCard should be used for all meals. A meal is automatically deducted from the meal plan of each A/RCA (and each first-year student). A/RCA's may also eat in the dining halls for brunch on Sunday (all other returning students' meal plans begin at dinner on Sunday night).

RCA's

All full RCA's are given the 190-block meal plan each semester. Of the 190 meals, 80 may be taken in a dining hall other than the RCA's own college dining hall and paired college dining hall. This "other dining hall" option on 80 meals per semester includes the CJL and grad college dining halls in addition to the other four undergraduate college dining halls. This feature is already programmed on the cards. There is no late-meal option at Frist. Unlike other upperclass students, RCA's do not get an additional two meals per week to use in any dining hall, since the goal of that program is to encourage upperclass students to return to the residential colleges.

ARCA's

All ARCA's are given the 125-block meal plan each semester. Of the 125 meals, 20 may be taken in a dining hall other than the ARCA's own college dining hall and paired college dining hall. This "other dining hall" option on 20 meals per semester includes the CJL and grad college dining halls in addition to the other four undergraduate college dining halls. This feature is already programmed on the cards. There is no late-meal option at Frist. Unlike other upperclass students, ARCA's do not get an additional

two meals per week to use in any dining hall, since the goal of that program is to encourage upperclass students to return to the residential colleges.

Other Information about the Plans

The cost of the RCA meal plans is covered by ODUS. The cost of the ARCA meal plans is covered by the colleges themselves, who determine how many ARCAs to hire. If they choose to (and all currently do), colleges themselves also cover the cost of a fall- and spring-break meal plan for each of their RCAs and ARCAs who around during the breaks.

Any RCA or ARCA who wishes to may purchase a larger meal plan than the one that we provide. He or she would simply need to go to Office of Dining Services and pay the difference between the published cost of the plan we provide and the published cost of the meal plan desired. If the primary reason for purchasing a larger plan is to have the option of the late-meal option at Frist, it may make more sense for the RCA or ARCA to purchase points that are added to the PUID, as there is a dollar limit on what may be purchased at Frist through the late-meal option.