Meals—Board

Board is a required fee for all students and is considered a valuable part of the culinary education. Students are encouraged to evaluate the basic techniques involved in both the preparation and the service of food.

New York Campus

The CIA meal plan uses a points system, and the board charge of $2,120 per semester provides points equivalent to two meals per day on scheduled class days as well as 325 gold points that can be used throughout the semester seven days a week. This plan is the minimum required for all students; point type, use, and expiration in the plan vary according to class year.

*CIA Meal Plan (required plan)*

$2,120
1,400 meal points + 325 gold points

At any time during the year, students may choose to supplement the CIA Meal Plan by purchasing the Plus or Ultimate upgrade, which provide more points and more flexibility:

*CIA Meal Plan Plus Supplement*

$315
Adds 325 gold points to the student’s plan to use any time, including weekends

*CIA Meal Plan Ultimate Supplement*

$625
Adds 675 gold points to the student’s plan to use any time, including weekends

Please note:

- Meal plan points are distinct from and in addition to Culinary Cash.
- Additional gold points expire at the end of each semester (15 weeks).
- Meals are not available on days when the campus is closed during the extended winter and summer breaks.

California Campus

The cost per semester is $1,820 (degree program students) and $910 (certificate program students) for the standard meal plan, which includes two meals per day on scheduled class days. At the CIA at Greystone, there are two common kitchen facilities available in the Vineyard Lodge Housing Center for students to use in preparing meals outside of class time.

Texas Campus

The cost per semester is $910 for the standard meal plan, which consists of one meal per instructional day based on class schedules.