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# PRIMATER BUCKS

# What is the Privateer Bucks Program?

Is a \$125 charge added to your UNO Fee Bill for the fall and spring semesters. Students will be credited the \$125 as **DB Dollars**\* on their student ID on the first day of regular classes.

\*DB Dollars are tax-free dollars that can be used to purchase food and beverages at any dining location on campus, for a complete list of locations click here.

The University of New Orleans requires all Full-Time Undergraduate students\* to participate in the Privateer Bucks Program.

#### \*Exemptions:

- 1. Students living at Pontchartrain Hall.
- 2. Students enrolled in online classes only.

#### The Purpose of the Privateer Bucks Program is three-fold:

Enhancement of Campus Life

•UNO has been primarily a commuter university mainly serving students from the greater metropolitan area. New initiatives to support a "Global UNO" are presently underway with the hopes of attracting a more diverse student population and increasing resident life on campus. Commuter students who spend more time on campus will further enhance our campus life.

Improved Academic Performance • Research shows that higher education students who spend more time on campus perform better academically, graduate sooner and enjoy richer academic interactions than those who spend only a small amount of time on campus. Students who eat on campus, enjoying time in the community with peers and professors, rather than eating alone or in small groups at home, are far more likely to succeed in the rigorous academic environment of college life.

Insures variety of food service choices

• Implementing the commuter declining balance plan allows the university to continue to provide the current level of food service options on our campus. Students will be able to continue to enjoy all the options that are available to them campus wide.

Though many students appreciate the convenience of a declining balance plan we do understand this plan may not be desired or used by everyone. For those students who choose not to use the declining balance we have made this fee 100% refundable upon graduation or departure of UNO.

# How does this program benefit students?

### CONVENIENCE

- •Easy way to budget for snacks and food purchases while on campus; \$125 a semester is roughly \$.99 per day.
- No need to make the \$125 purchase, process is automatic
- •Financial Aid can be used towards the charge
- Students have money to easily meet up with friends to dine on campus and socialize instead of going off campus

# VARIETY

- •Students have 12 different locations to choose from!
- Students have no need to carry cash or credit cards
- •DB is tax free
- Student catering options

# Who is included in the Privateer Bucks Program?

All full-time, undergraduate students will be assessed \$125 each semester [Fall & Spring] for a declining balance plan. Full-time, undergraduates enrolled only in online courses will be exempt, as well as Pontchartrain Hall Residents, who are already required to enroll in a full meal plan.

#### What if I have already chosen a meal plan?

Students who have a mandatory meal plan or a scholarship meal plan will see two separate charges (the total price of the Meal Plan and the \$125 fee) and a credit (\$125) on their account. In other words, if you are required to purchase a Meal Plan or you have a scholarship, the \$125 fee will be waived.

### What if my enrollment status changes?

The Privateer Bucks will be refundable if a student's enrollment status changes within the first 5 days of classes. (Examples: Drops from full-time to part-time, enrolls in online-only courses, withdraws from classes.) Adjustments to accounts will be made after the 5-day period has passed.

# What if my enrollment status changes after the 5-day period?

The \$125 assessment will not be refunded if a student's enrollment status changes after the first 5 days of classes.

#### Are the Privateer Bucks refundable?

Any leftover Privateer Bucks at a student's time of matriculation or departure from UNO are refundable.

# How to request a Privateer Bucks Refund?

Please send an email to <u>dining@uno.edu</u> including your Name, Student ID# and a valid Mailing Address. Privateer Bucks Refunds are processed twice a month. It usually takes 6-8 weeks to get your check on the mail.

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