

Privateer Bucks Basics

What is the Privateer Bucks Program?

A program for full-time, undergraduate students which will be assessed \$125 each semester for a declining balance plan. Students are loaded with a set amount of DB on their student ID. DB can be used to purchase food and beverages at any dining location on campus.

How does this program benefit students?

- 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 no need to carry cash or credit cards
- DB is tax free
- Student catering options
- Students have money to easily meet up with friends to dine on campus and socialize instead of going off campus

Who is included in the Privateer Bucks Program?

All full-time, undergraduate students will be assessed \$125 each semester for a declining balance plan. Full-time, undergraduates enrolled only in online courses will be exempt.

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 dining@uno.edu 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.

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

1. **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.

2. **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.

3. **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.