COMMUTER SESSION
UNIVERSITY DINING
FALL ORIENTATION
COMMUTER MEAL PLANS: WHAT TO KNOW IF YOU LIVE OFF-CAMPUS

• Block meal plans
  • Blocks of 25, 50, 75, & 100
  • Use throughout semester
  • When you run out, you can purchase another

• Any-5 meal plan
  • Choose five of the 21 meal slots in a week
  • Comes with Dining Plus

bsu.edu/dining/mealplans
DINING CA$H

• Provides a type of debit account usable at Dining locations
• Use as you’d like—on its own or together with other payment
• Dining Cash: purchased online & valid for your entire BSU tenure
Breakfast

• Standard equivalency
  • One for breakfast, another amount for meals in lunch & dinner period

• Breakfast meal period
  • 6:45 – 11 a.m.

Lunch & Dinner

• Lunch & dinner meal period
  • 11:01 a.m. – midnight
  • You can use 2 “swipes” during this period
    • Can be separate or back-to-back

More notes

•Accepted at all franchises
• Use up to 3 meals a day
  • Unused meals do not roll over
• Pay with cash, credit, a meal plan, Dining Cash, or Dining Plus
• Dining Plus is a debit account of funds
  • Works as supplement, making up difference for some meals
  • Can be used as stand-alone
  • Comes with Any-5-Meals plan
WE’RE HERE TO SERVE YOU

- Dining isn’t just for students who live on campus
- Our locations are open to ALL students and our campus community
- Our food is made for you
- Top-notch chefs
DINE WITH CONFIDENCE

• Menus & nutrition
• Cater to dietary needs & food allergies
• Feature a ‘Top-8’ Allergen-Free restaurant in North Dining
• Nutrition Consultation
  • Food allergies or intolerance
  • Religious or cultural needs
  • Vegetarian or vegan
  • Healthy eating on campus advice
  • Discuss your needs in a one-on-one setting

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JOIN OUR DINING TEAM!

• We regularly search out talented students for job opportunities with us
• Create your own schedule
• Times that work around your classes & activities
• Receive longevity increases
• Build skills to last
• Work with your friends
HOW TO APPLY: CARDINAL CAREER LINK

• Visit the Career Center’s site at bsu.edu/careers/careerlink
• Search: “General Dining/Snack Bars”
• Then apply to Dining & Catering jobs!

Because we know you have a full life, we can be very flexible with your hours. You will work up to 20 hours per week. If possible, we try to accommodate students who want to work in their own residence hall.

How to Apply for Student Positions

Do these opportunities sound good? If so, we invite you to view our job postings on the Career Center’s Cardinal Career Link online portal, then apply.
Keep up with Dining

• Be sure to opt in to our messages in the Communication Center
• Most resources are online, but others can be shared by contacting us
• bsu.edu/dining

We like to be social

• Discover new foods
• Find out about specials & sales
• Find us on Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, or Twitter: @BallStateDining
LOCATION

Our office is in the basement of the L.A. Pittenger Student Center in Room L-1
Student Permit Types

• Residence Hall
• Stadium
• Commuter
• Commuter Restricted (CR8)
• Night Pass
RESIDENCE HALL PERMIT
(Fall/Spring)
This permit authorizes parking in a specific BLUE residence hall parking lot on campus

First year freshman may purchase one of these permits beginning June 1 at 10am if space is available.
STADIUM PERMIT
(Fall/Spring/Summer)

This permit authorizes parking in the PURPLE parking lots at the Scheumann football stadium.
COMMUTER PERMIT

(Fall/Spring/Summer)

This permit authorizes parking in the GREEN commuter parking lots on campus.

This permit is only for students living off campus. Overnight parking is not permitted in these lots.
COMMUTER RESTRICTED (CR8) PERMIT

May be purchased:
Fall Semester Only
Fall/Spring Semesters
Yearly (Fall/Spring/Summer)

This permit authorizes parking in the 3rd floor Orange section of the Student Center parking garage
NIGHT PASS

May be bought per semester

This permit authorizes parking in either the R2 or R5 parking lots starting at 4:45 p.m.

This permit may be purchased by itself or added to a commuter/commuter restricted permit
License Plate Recognition (LPR)

- Parking Services uses a License Plate Recognition system (LPR) for parking enforcement. You will not receive a window sticker.
- LPR means that your license plate must be registered to a parking permit.
- License plate must always be visible while on campus.
- You may register up to 10 vehicles, with different license plates, under the LPR system.
- Students may not register each others' vehicles to their permit unless they are related or married.
HOW TO REQUEST YOUR PERMIT

1. Go to https://bsuparking.t2hosted.com/Account/Portal

2. Log in with your Ball State username and password

3. Select “Purchase Permits”

4. Choose your permit and check out of your shopping basket
OOPS VOUCHERS

• Students who purchase a parking permit receive one “oops” voucher per academic year.

• Oops vouchers must be used within 10 business days of citation.

• An oops voucher may not be used on the following citations:
  • Citations written-on complaint
  • Issued when the vehicle is towed at the operator’s expense
  • Issued in a disabled space, Special 97 space, or a director space, even if the vehicle is not towed
  • Issued for improper registration
Pay stations are in each stairwell of the garage and have hourly and daily rates available ($1 per hour or $5 for the day)

There is **NO** overnight parking in garages, therefore meters expire at 11:59 p.m. regardless of when purchased

Payment types accepted:

*Credit/Debit Cards*

*Cash/Coin*
FREE STANDING METERS

Our free-standing meters can be found throughout campus.

These meters have a 45-minute time limit and only accept coin payments.

Meters are enforced 24/7 daily.
MOTORIST ASSIST PROGRAM (MAP)

The motorist assist program offers FREE assistance to students, employees, and visitors on campus:

• Jumping dead batteries
• Unlocking vehicle doors
• Providing transportation to buy gas

Assistance is provided on a first come, first serve basis

Hours can be found on our website

Assistance is available by calling (765)-285-1111
Charlie’s Charter offers a FREE ride from one campus location to another
Service is provided on a first come, first serve basis
Hours can be found on our website
Service is available by calling (765) 760-RIDE or (765) 285-5005
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Visit our website: www.bsu.edu/parking
Call us at: (765) 285-1208
Email us at: parking@bsu.edu
Stop by our office 😊
OFFICE OF RETENTION AND GRADUATION

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Office of Retention & Graduation Website

Janoah Williams, Assistant Director

Madeline Hittel, Graduate Assistant
• **Commuters:** The Commuter Ambassador program pairs commuting freshmen with an upperclassman. Commuter Ambassadors will answer questions about Ball State, provide opportunities to connect and meet with other commuters and program special events.

• **21st Century Scholars:** Ball State partners with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education to provide a 21st Century Scholar Success Coach for first year scholars. Scholars are required to complete the College Scholar Success Program (CSSP). Information about this program is available on our website [bsu.edu/retention](http://bsu.edu/retention)

• **Transfers:** practicum students serve as Success Coaches for first semester transfer students. Outreach to and programming for transfer students to help them navigate BSU systems.

• **AVIS0:** Staff members use this retention platform to identify at risk students and connect them to resources.
What qualifies you as a commuter?

https://www.bsu.edu/campuslife/housing/apply-for-housing/residency-requirements
Steps:

1. Provide utility bill or tax statement
2. Note reason for exemption
3. Sign exemption form (student and legal guardian) in front of a notary

• This exemption should be received by the Office of Housing and Residence Life no later than 30 days prior to the beginning of the first semester of enrollment. You are encouraged to not make any commitments for housing until you receive a written response from this office.

• Contact Person: Ellie Palmer epalmer@bsu.edu
To increase retention rates of freshman commuter students and provide programming to foster a connection with the university

Objectives:

- Removing barriers: Professional and student staff conduct outreach to students related to midterm deficiencies, non-registered status, and institutional holds.

- Creating connections: Student staff plan and conduct events focused to encourage social integration on campus among the first-year commuter population.

- Sharing resources: Through interpersonal conversation and regular digital contact, student ambassadors share personal tips and campus resources with their students.
Meet the CAs

Your ambassador will:

• Help answer questions you might have about Ball State

• Provide opportunities to connect and meet other commuters

• Create and invite you to special events during the year

• Check in through weekly emails/GroupMe
Want some Whip on that Wednesday?

Wednesday, Nov 20th from 12-2
~Student Center Starbucks~

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The Office of Retention and Graduation Presents
ESCAPE FROM DISNEY WORLD!
a virtual escape room
Join your CA’s as we try to get out of the magic kingdom after hours
Thursday, April 29 at 6:30 pm
Zoom link in Bio

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Ball State Commuter Ambassadors Present:
Free Starbucks for St. Patrick’s Day
March 16th, Noon-7pm
L.A. Patringer Student Center
For Freshman Commuter Students

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BSU Commuter Ambassadors Present:
January Jamba Juice
Friday January 20th, 10am-12pm
Jamba Juice, Art and Journalism Building
Kick the semester (and maybe a resolution) off right by stopping by and getting a smoothie on us!

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BSU Commuter Ambassadors Present:
YOU’VE GOT TO FRIS-BEE KIDDING ME!
Ultimate Frisbee Game
September 6th 4pm

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Ball State Commuter Ambassadors Present:
HAIRSPRAY AND CHICK-FIL-A
Join us for dinner at the Atrium and for a movie at President’s Hall.
Dinner is at 5:15 pm
Movie begins at 6:30 pm
Entrance is free with your BSD ID

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BSU Commuter Ambassadors Present:
Free Frappe Wednesday
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5TH, 12-2
Student Center Starbucks
• Before starting classes, do a sample drive to campus. Take the route that you plan to take and find out exactly how long that drive will be.

• Being early is never a bad thing: Parking spots can be hard to find, and coming early to class ensures you will get a good seat and talk to classmates before class starts.

• Take the shuttle buses and download the Trans Loc app

• Parking Pass – you can register multiple vehicles

• Keep an umbrella and change of clothes in your car.

• Bring a lock and use the lockers in the Student Center

• Check your BSU email at least twice a day
Consider signing up for a summer bridge program!

Career Connections: A Helpful Foundation

The Ball State Career Center is committed to helping students uncover career goals and make plans to get exactly where they need to be, throughout college and after. During this three-day program, students will be able to meet and learn from career professionals and student leaders. Students will learn about and participate in the various services the Career Center provides, including exploratory assessments, an etiquette dinner, and networking workshops. Students will also meet with industry leaders and professionals in order to gain an insider’s view into company culture, management, operations, and more. Join us this summer and learn how our career experts can guide you through those difficult college and career decisions.

Program Fee: $135 (includes meals, lodging, and activities)

Program Dates: August 15-17

EXCEL Summer Mentor Program

EXCEL is a peer mentoring program offered by the Multicultural Center. The program is designed to help first-year students of color and first-generation college students successfully transition to Ball State. EXCEL participants learn skills that will help them focus on their academic and social development.

Students in EXCEL are paired with a peer mentor who will assist mentees by offering guidance and support throughout the academic year. EXCEL connects students to campus resources and offers workshops to promote student success and engagement.

Program Fee: $135 (includes meals, lodging, and activities)

Program Dates: August 15-17

Cardinal Leadership and Service Seminar (C.L.A.S.S.)

Move in to campus a few days early and gain valuable leadership skills. During this three-day program, you will reflect on your expectations of college, meet fellow freshmen, and learn about the campus and the resources it has to offer. Your upper class mentors will point you in the right direction as you sharpen your leadership style and get connected to involvement opportunities on campus.

Sponsored by the Office of Student Life, C.L.A.S.S. is a Ball State tradition that has helped thousands of new students ease into college life. Past participants have gone on to serve in a wide variety of prominent campus leadership roles.

Program registrations are limited so register early.

Program Fee: $135 (includes meals, lodging, and event activities)

Program Dates: August 15-17
COMMUTING 101

Saturday, August 21
In-person and virtual option

You will:
Meet your Commuter Ambassador
Learn tips for success
Connect with other Commuters
Enjoy a meal
Explore campus organizations at the activity fair

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY
Orientation
We want to know more about you. Please complete the information form!