UMassAmherst Dining Nutrition

Eating with Allergies & Health Conditions at UMass

UMass Dining's Mission

To contribute to the campus life experience by providing a variety of healthy and flavorful meals featuring local, regional, and world cuisines in a sustainable and environmentally conscious manner.

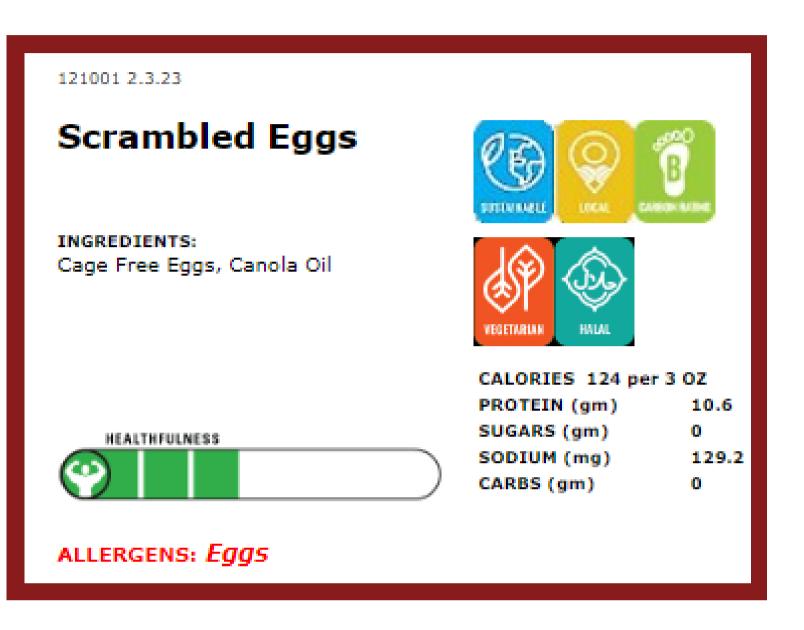
Dietitians' Message

For students, it is important to eat well in order to excel in your studies. We look forward to assisting you in eating a variety of safe and healthy foods. As UMass Dining Dietitians, we can accommodate your special dietary requests and ensure that you eat well-balanced meals without any cross-contact issues. We are happy to guide you through the process of selecting foods that are safe for you.

Our interest in helping you with your dietary needs is both professional and personal. Both dietitians live with food allergies, so we understand the difficulties and constant worries of avoiding life-threatening ingredients. At UMass, we believe your biggest focus should be on academics. We hope that our accommodations will alleviate some of your worries and allow you to just enjoy the food, stress-free. With over 20,000 individuals on the meal plan, we have assisted many, and we look forward to assisting you!

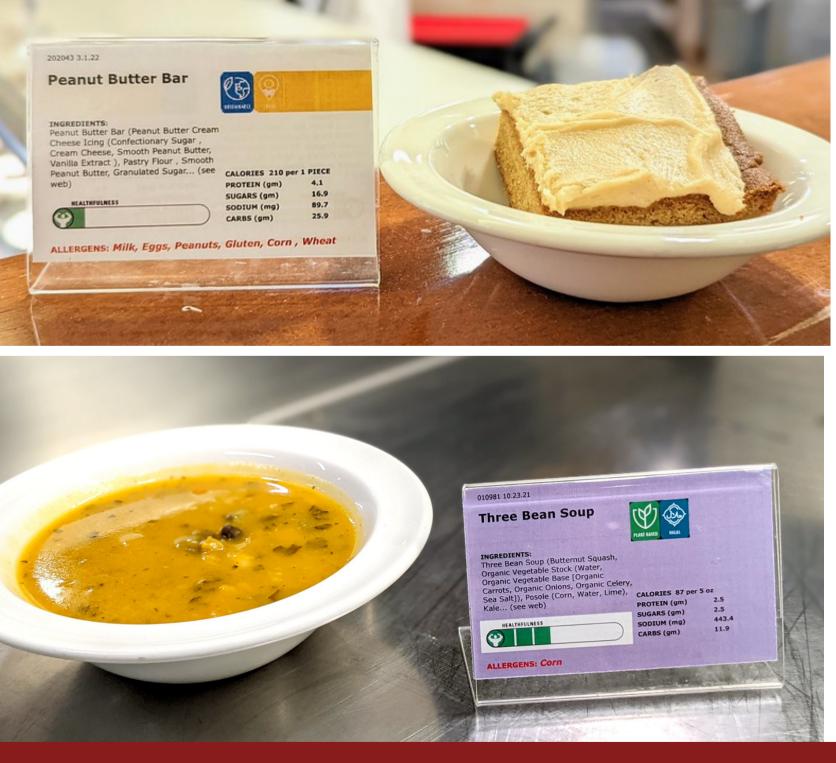
Menu Identifiers (Line Signs by the Food Served)

Menu identifiers are displayed along the serving line. They provide information on the name of the recipe, nutrition facts for a single serving, allergens, healthfulness grade, carbon footprint, and appropriate icons. Possible icons include sustainable, local, halal, plant based (vegan), vegetarian, antibioticfree, whole grain, and carbon rating.



Menu identifiers only list the main ingredients in the recipe. Sub ingredients (such as ingredients for bread) may be excluded for space purposes but the full list of ingredients can be found on our mobile app or website.

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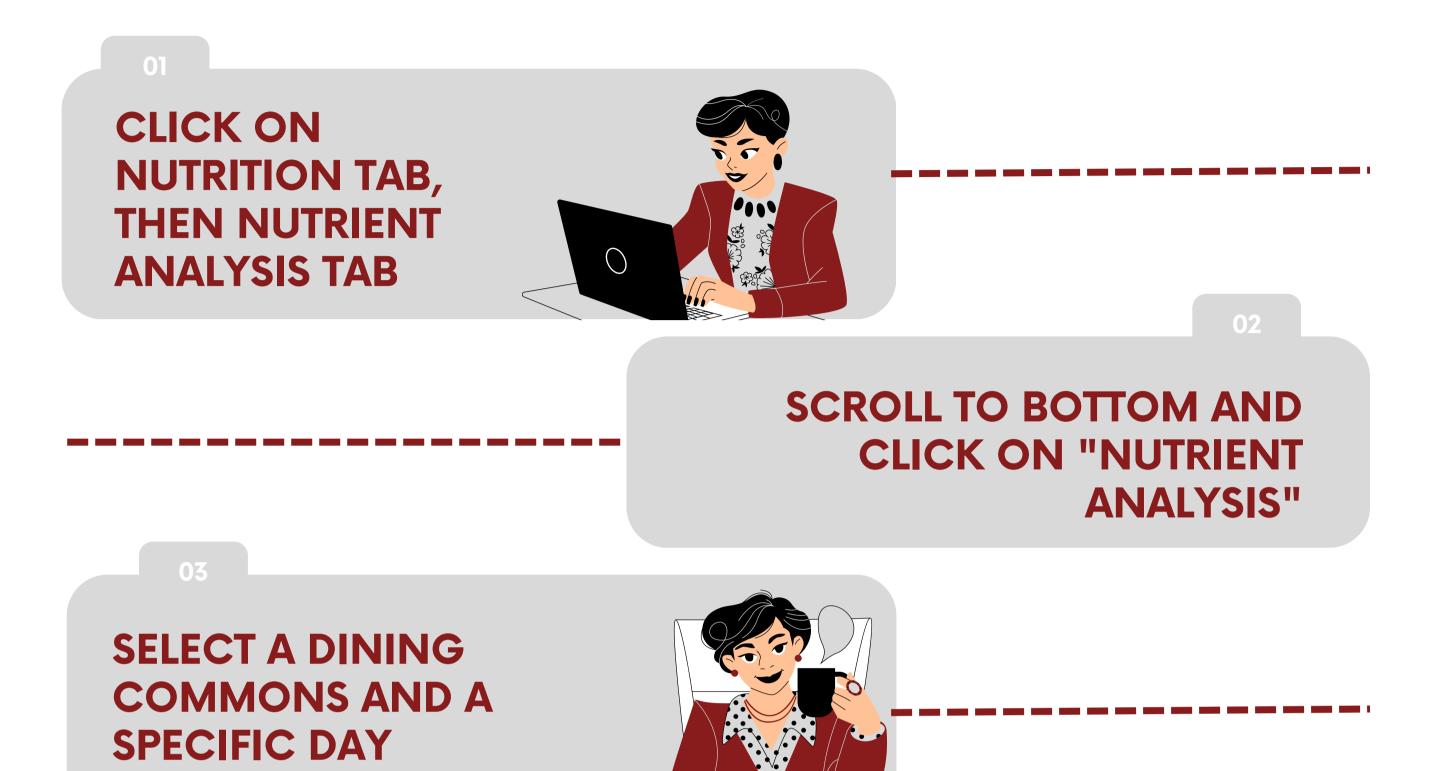
the recipes for carbon impact from farming, processing, packaging and transportation. Each dish is assigned a CARBON RATING A (very low) to E (very high), based on the "per kg" carbon footprint of the food. Adding carbon rating to our menu identifiers, our dining app, and on our dining website makes everyday climate action and low carbon dining easier for students. Small acts have large impacts!

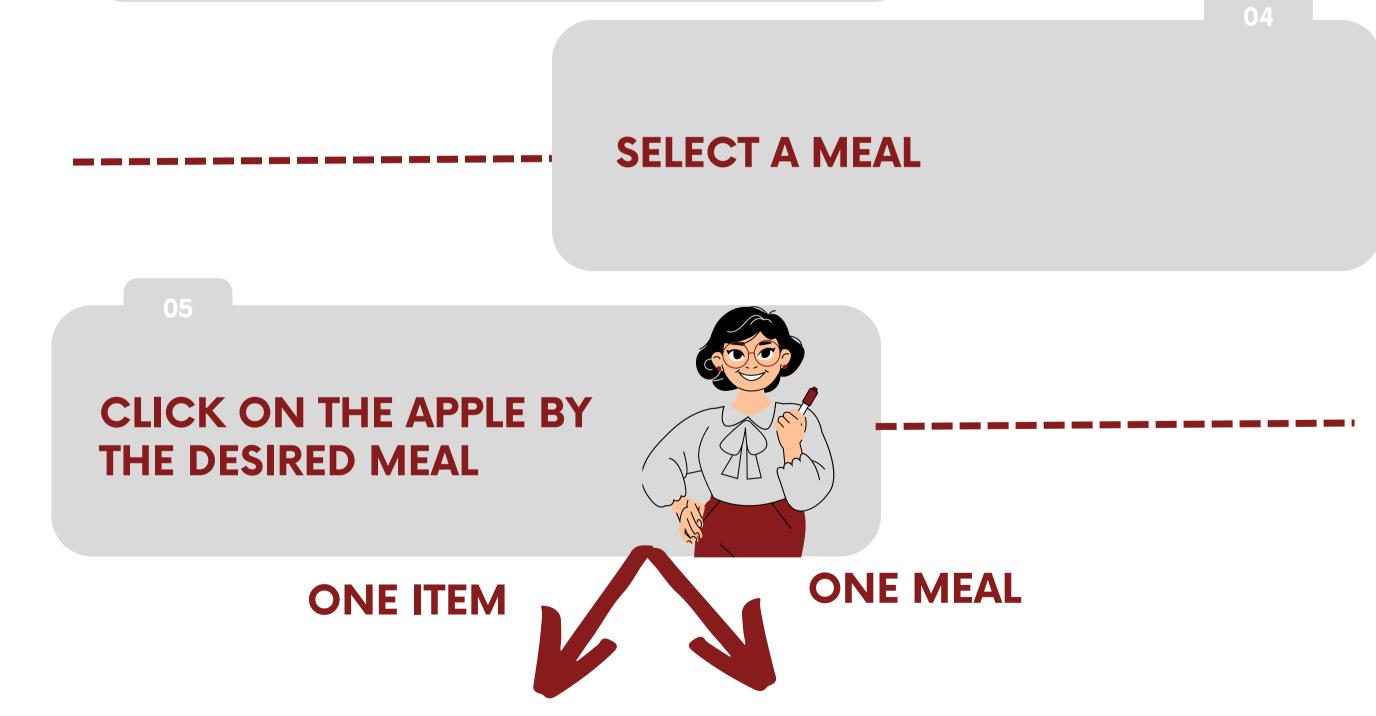
Navigating the UMass Dining Website

If you have an allergy or intolerance to a food that is not one of the top nine allergens, you can utilize the ingredient filter. You can filter up to three ingredients that are not one of the allergens that UMass identifies: milk, eggs, fish, shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, gluten, wheat, soy, corn, and sesame.

NUTRIENT ANALYSIS

To find nutrition facts, ingredients, and allergens: https://umassdining.com/nutrition/nutrient-analysis

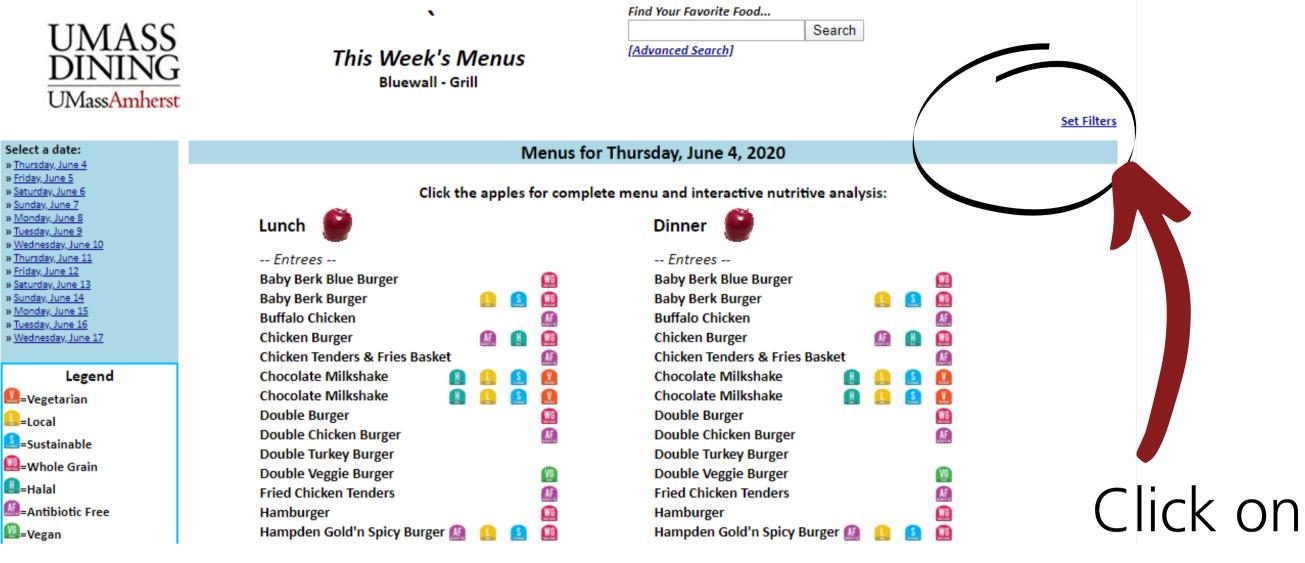




CLICK ON UNDERLINED ITEM TO SEE NUTRITIONALS, ALLERGEN, ETC

CLICK BOXES NEXT TO ITEMS YOU PLAN TO EAT, THEN CLICK "SHOW REPORT" TO SEE NUTRIENT ANALYSIS

How to use the allergen and ingredient filters



Set Filters

Select the filters that you wish to activate within the menu displays.

Allergen Filters Contains Does Not Contain	● Contains ● Does Not Contain	Ingredient Filters Contains Does Not Contain
Milk	Vegetarian	
Eggs	Local	● OR ○ AND
Fish	Sustainable	
Shellfish	Whole Grain	● OR ● AND
Tree Nuts	Halal	
Peanuts	Antibiotic Free	
Gluten	Vegan	
Soy		
Corn		
Sesame		
Wheat		

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You can click on... Allergen Filters

- "Contains" one or more allergens
- "Does not contain" one or more allergens

Legend Filters (Dietary Preferences)

Ingredient Filters

- Enter specific allergies
- Click on "contains/does not contain" to avoid multiple foods
- Note: Allergen and ingredient filters do not work together

UMass Dining Bill of Rights Regarding Special Dietary Needs

You have the right to:

- 1. A high quality education experience without anxiety regarding your special dietary needs/food allergies.
- 2. An excellent dining experience where you feel comfortable eating without fear of getting a reaction.
- 3. Meet with the dietitians for a free consultation: set up appt by clicking this <u>link</u>
- 4. Have access to accurate and easy-to-understand list of ingredients, allergens, and nutrition facts.
- 5. Have confidence that the UMass Dining Staff are certified in food allergy training and are knowledgeable about ingredients served in foods.6. Receive respect and understanding from UMass Dining Staff regarding

your special dietary needs.

- 7. Timely answers regarding any ingredients and their safety to your specific diet.
- 8. Have confidence that staff use safe practices to prevent cross contact from occurring.
- 9. A safe, clean, and welcoming environment to dine.

The goal of UMass Dining is to build a community around our customer's needs to improve quality of life on campus.

- 1. Please introduce yourself to the management staff at the dining commons. We are happy to assist you.
- 2. We welcome any questions, comments and concerns to ensure your safety, health and well-being prior to or while in the dining commons.
- 3. If food needs to be prepared separately, such as sushi, please communicate with the staff in advance. You can even call ahead. Below are the phone numbers to best contact our staff:

a. Worcester DC 413.545.0321

b.Franklin DC 413.545.5373

c. Hampshire DC 413.577.5160

d. Berkshire DC 413.545.1175

- If you are prescribed medications such as an epinephrine auto-injector device and antihistamine, you should carry them with you at all times. UMass Dining cannot store your medication nor administer epinephrine for you.
- 5. The UMass Dining Dietitians, Dianne Sutherland and Sabrina Hafner are available for a free consultation. Book an appointment at https://umassdining.com/nutrition/book-appointment
- 6. We recommend that you register with Disability Services. You can contact them at notify@admin.umass.edu or 413.545.0892.
- 7. If a food allergy reaction does occur, your health and well-being come first! When you are feeling better, contact the dietitian or manager of the dining location the reaction occurred to start an investigation. If you tell us after a couple days after the reaction, then we may not be able to determine the cause of the reaction. Policies and procedures are adjusted to prevent a reaction from occurring in the future.
- 8. Food Allergy Alerts: UMass Dining will send out alerts to students regarding a special event focused on a specific allergy. For example, on Halloween, when steak and lobster are served, all students with a shellfish allergy will receive an email notifying them of the event in advance and where on campus they can eat where no shellfish is being served.

8. We recommend that you notify the following:

Disability Services

Food allergies and celiac disease are considered a disability according to the ADA. Register your food allergy and/or medical condition with disability services so they may assist you.

University Health Services

Inform UHS of your food allergies or medical condition so they have a record in case of a reaction. Please call 413.577.5101 to set up an appointment.

If the RA is planning a social function for the floor, inform them of your dietary restriction to avoid any foods that may cause a severe reaction.

Resident Assistant (RA)

Roommate/Floormates

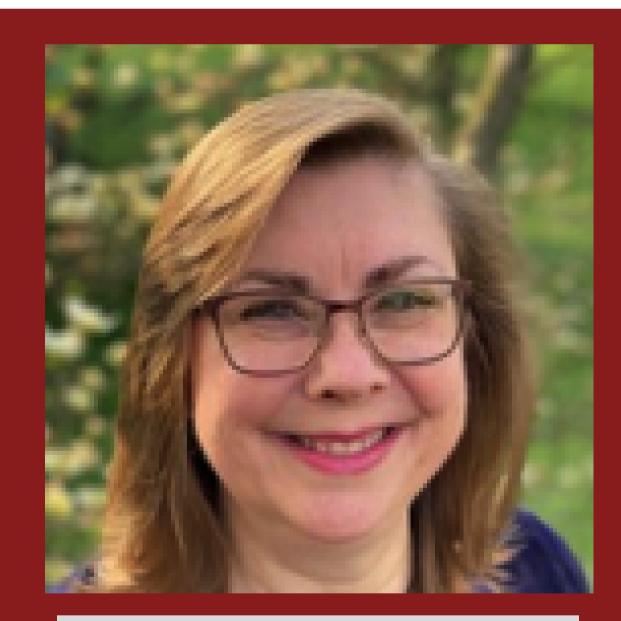
Explain how serious your dietary restrictions are and what foods you should not have in the dorm room. They can also call 911 if you have a severe allergic reaction. Be aware of the foods your roommate has in the dorm room and what foods friends bring from home. These foods may contain an allergen that you should avoid. If you have issues, please contact Disability Services.

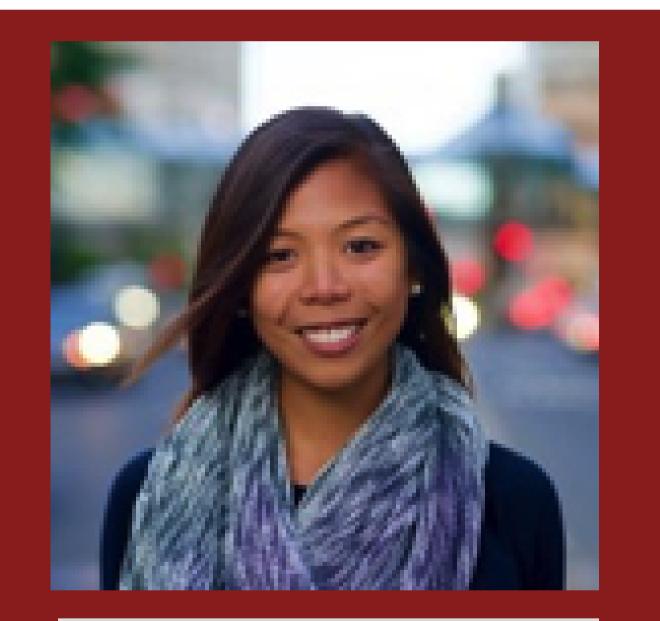
Download the UMass Dining App

- Access your favorite dining locations with daily menus, operating hours, and real-time traffic reports.
- Plan your menu based on allergens and dietary preferences and many other features!



Have Questions? Contact our nutrition team at dietitian@umass.edu or book an appointment on our website!





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