

# NEW CAFÉ OPERATIONS AND THE AMDA FLEX FOOD PLAN

The **AMDA Café** is excited to return for Summer Semester 2021 with a new mode of operation, and the AMDA Flex Food Plan (FFP). The new AMDA Café structure will focus on delivering high-quality, nutritious food in a way that complies with strict Covid safety protocols. The AMDA Café will no longer be a counter-service, dine-in café, rather, it will function more as a packaged food market where there will be a wide range of prepared breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack offerings for purchase in-store or through online ordering.

Menu options will be available for vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free and traditional omnivore diets. Ingredients will be listed on all packaging labels. Coffee drinks, smoothies and fountain beverages will still be available at the Espresso bar in the Café. Here's a link to our online menu\*:

<https://amdacafe.revelup.com/weborder/?establishment=1>

*\*Please note that this is a sample menu. Menu items will rotate and the cafe will consistently update food offerings based on purchase history and student feedback.*

AMDA Café offerings will be available to all students and staff of AMDA through both online ordering or in-store purchase. No food plan is required to utilize the AMDA Café. Inside the Café all payment types are accepted including cash, credit or debit card and the AMDA LA Flex Food Plan. Online orders must be paid online (either with the Flex Food Plan Account or credit/debit card) in advance of pickup.



## How to Make an In-store Purchase

To make an in-store purchase, just enter the Café from the Piazza at the base of the Tower, make selections from the coolers or shelves and pay at one of the 2 café registers. Social distancing will be observed inside of the Café and capacity may be limited.

## How to Make an Online Order

To make an online order from the AMDA Café:

1. Go to our online ordering site: <https://amdacafe.revelup.com/weborder/?establishment=1>
2. Create a user account (for first time use only).
3. Select the desired menu item(s).
4. Select "Checkout" and select a payment type.
  - a. If you are using the Flex Food Plan or AMDA Café Account:
    - i. Select "Gift Card" and enter your student ID number (once entered, the Gift Card button will show your remaining balance).
    - ii. After you've made your first order with your Flex Food Plan account, the payment information will be saved with your profile.
5. Once you've selected a method of payment select "Apply" to finalize the order.
6. You will be sent an SMS text message when your order is ready to pick up.
7. Proceed to the Order Pickup Shelf in the center of the Café.
8. Present your Student ID to verify your order.

Because the food items are pre-prepackaged and refrigerated to be taken away and eaten outside of the Café or Market, microwave ovens will be available inside the Café, Market and at a number of sites around campus to allow you to heat and eat your meals at your convenience. Food will be in microwave-safe packaging and will have heating instructions on the label.

## The AMDA Market @ Vine

The AMDA Market, located on the 3rd floor of the Vine building will also be open for in-store purchases of packaged meals, snacks and beverages including an Espresso Bar. AMDA Market offerings are available for in-store purchases only. The AMDA Market does not accept online orders. All payment types are accepted.

## AMDA LA Flex Food Plan

Eating well to support academic, artistic, and athletic performance can be difficult – especially when you have a tight budget and busy schedule! The AMDA LA Flex Food Plan (FFP) is a pre-paid food plan that is offered as part of a student's tuition package to ensure that students have access to healthy, affordable nutrition during their time at AMDA.

- First Semester Students:
  - First Semester students living on campus are required to begin with a balance of \$1800 per semester of their first year.
  - First Semester students living off-campus are required to begin with the \$900 per semester for their first year.
  - The food plan charge will be incorporated into each student's financial aid package.
- Continuing Students:
  - All other students are not required to participate in the plan during Summer 2021 but are encouraged to opt into the plan at whatever level they choose.



- Flex food plan options for continuing students are \$1800, \$900 or \$500 for use in the AMDA Café and AMDA Market.
- The food plan charge will be incorporated into each student's financial aid package.

We highly encourage all students to opt into the AMDA LA Flex Food Plan to ensure safe, quick and easy access to healthy food on-campus!

Each student's Flex Food Plan account will operate as a "declining debit" account. Deductions will only be made based on what the student purchases in the café - there are no automatic deductions for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Students may choose when and what they want to order so they can utilize the plan at their own convenience for any meal or snack any day of the week. Any unused funds at the end of the semester will automatically roll over to the subsequent semester of enrollment.

For questions on how to add the AMDA LA Flex Food Plan to your financial packaging, please contact the AMDA LA Financial Aid Department at [FinancialAid@amda.edu](mailto:FinancialAid@amda.edu).

### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### **What is the Flex Food Plan (FFP)?**

Think of the FFP account as a debit card with a declining balance that can be used at the AMDA Café and AMDA Market. When you purchase an item(s), the amount you spend is subtracted from your balance.

#### **Is the FFP required?**

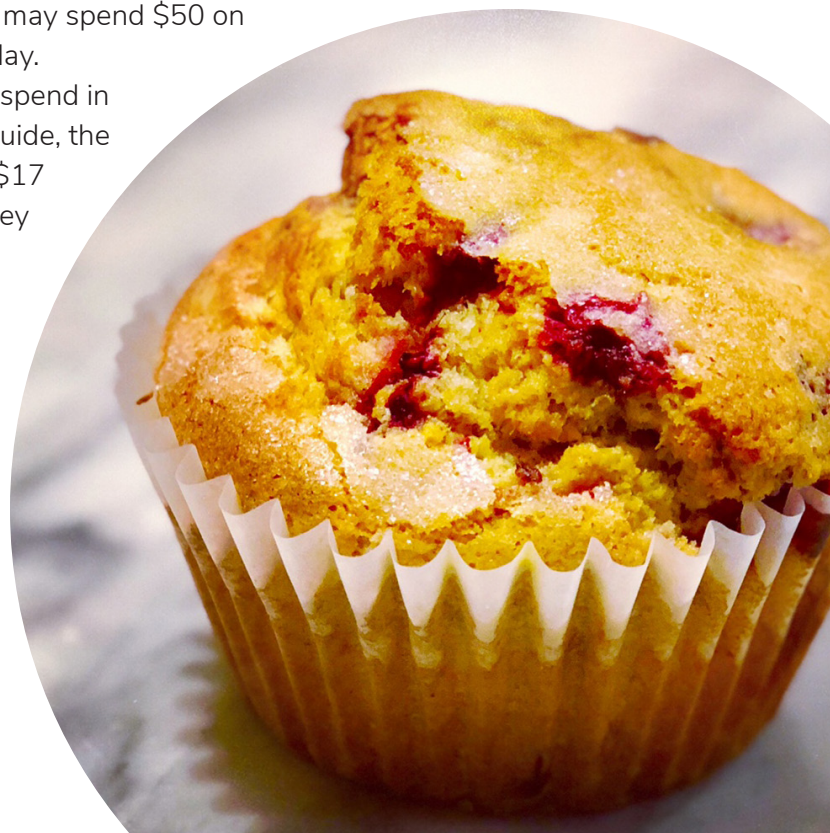
*The Flex Food Plan is a required plan for all first year students, and it's included as a separate charge within your financial aid package. For any questions regarding this plan, please contact the AMDA LA Financial Aid Department at [FinancialAid@amda.edu](mailto:FinancialAid@amda.edu).*

#### **How should I use the FFP?**

- Students are encouraged to use their declining balance in whatever way works for them. For example, a student may spend \$50 on Monday at the AMDA Café and \$5 on Tuesday.
- There is no cap on how much a student can spend in one day. There is no minimum, either. As a guide, the \$1,800 FFP option breaks down to roughly \$17 per day, so if a student uses the FFP daily they would budget for this amount.

#### **Is the FFP considered a full meal plan?**

While not considered a traditional full meal plan, at the \$1,800 option, a student budgeting carefully would be able to eat all meals at the Café every day of the Semester. There are affordable meal options that would allow a student to stay within a budget of \$17 a day. Students are allowed to use the FFP account as they choose and must budget at their own discretion.



### **Can FFP be waived?**

Since the FFP is designed to ensure students are getting the nutrition they need to be successful at AMDA, it generally cannot be waived by first year students. If you feel the food served by the FFP is inaccessible to you due to a disability, allergy, or other medical condition, please contact your Admissions Advisor or Financial Aid Counselor as soon as possible. Any waiver request made after Week 8 may not be processed during the current semester.

### **How can I find out my balance, and add funds to my account?**

Your remaining balance will always be printed on your receipt in the Café or market. By accessing your user profile on the AMDA Café Online Ordering site or checking at any AMDA Café location, students and parents can check their balance, and add additional funds to their account.

### **How is the AMDA Café affiliated with AMDA?**

AMDA Café is independently owned and operated, separate from AMDA. However, AMDA has an excellent working relationship with them and they communicate on a regular basis to collaboratively ensure the best product (cost and quality) is being offered to our students, faculty, and staff.

### **If I Withdraw or take a Leave of Absence from AMDA, will I be refunded the unused balance of my FFP from AMDA Café?**

- If you withdraw before the 8th week of the Semester AMDA will credit the unused FFP balance to the student's account.
- If taking a Leave of Absence, any unused FFP funds will be credited back to the student's account.

### **What happens to unused FFP funds at the end of the semester?**

Unused FFP funds will roll over from term to term while you are attending AMDA, but after graduation or upon leaving AMDA all funds will be forfeited if not exhausted, so please be sure to use up your balance by graduation.

