

PENN STATE DINING OPTIONS: Spring 2025

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<https://liveon.psu.edu/university-park/dining/location-hours>

On Campus: All are within walking distance of the Music Building.			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>About</u>
Cafe Laura	Mon-Fri: 11:00-1:00pm Sat-Sun: CLOSED	Café Laura, Mateer (across from Nittany Parking Deck, 2-minute walk)	At Cafe Laura, <i>Hospitality Management (HM)</i> students plan, market, prepare, and serve a memorable dining experience for the community. The student-run element of Cafe Laura makes it a unique on-campus restaurant and provides students with valuable, real-life skills for future careers in hospitality and dining services. Cafe Laura offers a wide variety of menu choices for lunch and our popular theme dinners. Bring colleagues, friends, or family. Enjoy complimentary Penn State wireless service along with a delightful meal. MENU: https://cafelaura.psu.edu/lunch
Market North	Mon-Fri: 7:00am-10:00pm	2 nd Floor of Warnock Commons (5-minute walk)	The North dining district's convenience store that has convenience food and drink options, including coffee!
	Sat-Sun: 9:00am-10:00pm		
North Dining Hall Residential Dining	Mon-Fri: 7:00am-7:30pm	Warnock Commons (5-minute walk)	Located in each on-campus residential area. Residential Dining offers all-you-care-to-eat and a la carte options, as well as coffee shops and convenience stores. Our students highly recommend you visit for brunch to get a real college dining experience! MENU: http://menu.hfs.psu.edu (then search for Northside Buffet/North Food District and the date)
	Sat-Sun: Brunch 10:30am-2:00pm Dinner 5:00pm-7:30pm		
Hub Dining Options	Mon-Sun: 11:00am-5:00pm	Hub-Robeson Center (7-10-minute walk)	<i>The Hub-Robeson Center has many options for food and drink establishments, such as Starbucks. The HUB is one of the main study places and houses many different</i>
	See hours for individual		

	locations- https://liveon.psu.edu/university-park/dining/location-hours		<i>clubs and organizations and activities for all students.</i> OPTIONS/MENU: https://liveon.psu.edu/university-park/dining/hub-dining
Panera	Mon-Thurs: 7:00am-6:00pm	LOCATIONS: 110 Kern Building and Zoller Gallery (Palmer Art Museum)	
	Fri: 7:00am-5:00pm		
	Sat-Sun: CLOSED		
Starbucks	Mon-Thurs: 7:45am-10:00pm	Paterno Library (4-minute walk)	
	Fri: 7:45am-5:00pm		
	Sat-Sun: 11:00am-7:00pm		
Starbucks	Mon-Thurs: 7:30am-10:00pm	Hub-Robeson Center (7-10 minute walk)	
	Fri: 7:30am-5:00pm		
	Sat-Sun: 11:00am-7:00pm		
Berkey Creamery	Mon-Thurs: 7:30am-9:00pm	Rodney A Ericson Food Science Building (Corner of Curtin and Bigler, 8-10-minute walk)	<i>One of the most popular places on campus. The Creamery is the go-to place for delicious ice cream of all flavors. Creamery ice cream is served in all dining commons locations too. The creamery also has coffee and grab-and-go food options.</i>
	Fri: 7:30am-10:00pm		
	Sat: 9:00am-10:00pm		
	Sun: 9:00am-9:00pm		

Downtown Options: All downtown options are within a 12-15 minute walk from the music buildings. (A few blocks south off campus; East-West between University and Atherton)			
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Snap Custom Pizza	Mon-Sun: 11:00am-10:00pm	132 W. COLLEGE AVE.	<i>Popular custom pizza restaurant with both dine-in and takeout options.</i>
The Corner Room	Mon-Tues: CLOSED	100 W. COLLEGE AVE.	MENU: https://www.cornerroom.com/menus

	Wed-Thurs: 11:30am-8:00pm		
	Fri-Sun: 8:00am-8:00pm		
India Pavilion	Tues: CLOSED	222 E CALDER WAY	<i>Dr. Sekhon likes India Pavillion so much that he has their contact info posted on his office door! Dr. Hinkle seconds his endorsement, he loves the lunch buffet, it's a great deal!</i>
	Mon, Wed-Sun: 11:30am-2:30pm, 5:00-9:30pm		
Elixir Coffee Roasters	Mon-Sun: 7:00am-6:00pm	123 W BEAVER AVE	<i>Dr. Zorin often arrives at meetings with a beverage from Elixr and it was the off-campus meeting place of choice for check-ins during student teaching for recent grads Nehama and Piper!</i>
Tasty-K	Mon-Thurs: 11:00am-2:00pm, 5:00-9:00pm	325 E CALDER WAY	<i>The composition grad students love Tasty-K, you'll have to tell us if you think the chicken is better with fries or rice!</i>
	Fri-Sat: 11:00am-2:00pm, 5:00pm-2:00am		
	Sun: CLOSED		
Little Szechuan	Sun-Thurs: 11:00am-9:00pm	228 W COLLEGE AVE	<i>Dr. Davis and his many Chinese family members love Little Szechuan on College for the real deal in Szechuan-style pepper spice.</i>
	Fri-Sat: 11:00am-9:30pm		
Federal Taphouse	Sun-Thurs: 11:30am-12:00am	130 S FRASER STREET	<i>Dr. Hinkle rates it best in town for hot wings, especially the IPA hot wings, best for large parties, and, for those over 21, he says it has the best beer selection. It is also one of the few sit-down locations in town with late night hours! Perfect for a post-concert celebration!</i>
	Fri-Sat: 11:30am-1:00am		
Big Dean's Hot Chicken	Mon-Thurs: 11:00am-9:00pm	208 W COLLEGE AVE	

	Fri-Sun: 11:00am- 10:00pm		<i>Dr. Hinkle loves their authentic Nashville hot chicken (he has family in Tennessee!) He says it's great for lunch!</i>
Local Whiskey	Mon-Sun: 11:00am- 2:00am	107 E BEAVER AVE	<i>While they have a full food menu and lots of beverages (including their namesake beverage). We suggest going there for their lunch special Monday through Thursday from 11 to 2. A bacon cheeseburger, a huge helping of fries, and a soft drink all for only \$6.50 the last time we checked. No substitutions, no refills, lots of napkins needed, and you won't leave hungry!</i>
Sher Halal Gyro & Grill	Mon-Sat: 11:00am- 3:00am	137 E BEAVER AVE	<i>Dr. Gen's favorite place in town to get falafel; it's a mediterranean food truck around the corner from Webster's.</i>
	Sun: CLOSED		
Mezah	Sun-Thurs: 10:30am- 11:00pm	348 E CALDER WAY	<i>Drs. Seidman and Shank stumbled on this on a walk. A quick analogy is a Mediterranean Chipotle, a great spot for people with food restrictions, each option is clearly labeled, and many are gluten-free, vegetarian, or vegan.</i>
	Fri-Sat: 10:30am- 3:00am		
Sower's Harvest Cafe	Tues-Sat: 8:00am- 3:00pm	421 E BEAVER AVE G1B	<i>Known for tasty breakfast and lunch foods as well as excellent coffee and pastries. They're famous for their soft pretzels. They advertise that their ingredients are naturally and ethically sourced and they're food allergy friendly. If you park here, beware the lot is privately-owned and meter monitoring is aggressive, a few of us may have learned this the hard way when we lost track of time enjoying leisurely summer lunch at their outdoor tables!</i>
	Sun-Mon: CLOSED		
Tadashi	Sun-Thurs: 11:00am- 9:30pm	100 S ATHERTON ST	<i>Recent grad Becca's celebration meal of choice was sushi. Tadashi was her favorite sushi spot!</i>
	Fri-Sat: 11:00am- 10:00pm		

Way Fruit Farm Downtown Market and Cafe	Mon-Fri: 10:00am-7:00pm	252 E CALDER WAY	<i>The State College area has several excellent orchards, including Way. You don't have to go all the way to the fruit farm in Port Matilda to sample their delicious apples, cafe offerings, or take home a food souvenir curated from local producers; Standing Stone Coffee, jams from Tait Farms, many other tasty offerings. If you're feeling in the fall spirit grab an apple cider or pumpkin donut and warm spiced cider to enjoy!</i>
	Sat: 10:00am-5:00pm		
	Sun: CLOSED		
Cozy Thai Bistro	Mon-Fri: 11:00am-2:00pm, 5:00pm-8:30pm	232 S ALLEN ST	<i>Prof. Lyon likes Cozy Thai, located conveniently downtown across from the public library. Their Drunken Noodles are his favorite –he describes them as spicy, but not painfully so.</i>
	Sat: 12:00pm-8:30pm		
	Sun: CLOSED		

North Atheron (North of Park Ave): These restaurants are highly recommended restaurants to eat at while in State College. Will require transportation to visit these locations.			
Otto's Pub & Brewery	Mon-Thurs: 11:00am-9:00pm	2235 N. ATHERTON ST.	MENU: https://www.ottospubandbrewery.com/menu
	Fri: 11:00am-10:00pm		
	Sat: 10:00am-11:00pm		
	Sun: 10:00am-9:00pm		
The Field Burger and Tap	Sun-Thurs: 11:00am-9:00pm	1 Country Club Ln	<i>A State College staple, Dr. Christopher's family celebrates back to school with fancy burgers and shakes at The Field! If you love sports, try one of the burgers created by coaches. In true PA fashion, there is even a burger with a pierogi on top!</i>
	Fri-Sat: 11:00am-10:00pm		
The Original Waffle Shop	Mon-Sat: 6:00am-3:00pm	1229 N ATHERTON ST	<i>It's an annual tradition for Partner's in Music students to go out to breakfast after</i>

	Sun: 7:00am- 3:00pm		<i>early morning rehearsals and Professor Emeritus Mark Lusk and the trombone studio had a long-standing tradition of gathering regularly at the North Atherton location. (multiple locations)</i>
Barrel 21 Distillery and Dining	Mon-Thurs: 4:00pm- 9:00pm	2255 N ATHERTON ST	<i>While there are lots of menu options, Dr. Copeland's favorite is their burger, simple and yummy!</i>
	Fri: 4:00pm- 10:00pm		
	Sat: 12:00pm- 10:00pm		
	Sun: 10:00am- 2:00pm		

South Atherton Area (South of College Ave)			
Plaza Mexican Bar & Grill	Mon-Sat: 11:00am- 10:00pm	1550 S. ATHERTON ST.	MENU: https://tbk474.p3cdn1.secureserver.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/P-MEXICAN-081822-1.pdf
	Sun: 11:00am- 9:00pm		
Faccia Luna:	Mon-Sun: 4:00pm- 9:00pm	1229 S. ATHERTON ST.	<i>This one is a perennial favorite! Dr. Seidman loves the gluten-free options at Faccia Luna, especially the pizza! Dr. Thornton recommends the mushroom ravioli and Margaret Higgins recommends the Mussels Mariner (weekends only). Menu: https://www.faccialuna.online/menu</i>
Lupita's Authentic Mexican Food	Mon-Fri: 11:00am- 8:00pm	3180 W College Ave	<i>Lupita's Authentic Mexican is a favorite at Dr. Weitzel's house. Lupita's even has a salsa bar! (note multiple locations)</i>
	Sat-Sun: CLOSED		
Rothrock Coffee	Mon-Sat: 7:00am- 3:00pm	1736 S Atherton St	<i>Rothrock Coffee is a State College staple. Not into coffee? Recent Grads Piper and Tomas recommend the hot chocolate!</i>
	Sun: 8:00am- 2:00pm		

OTHER LOCATIONS

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Bees Knees Coffee	Mon-Sun: 5:00am- 5:00pm	2493 Fox Hill Rd	<i>The Bee's Knee's coffee truck is a favorite around the school! Dr. McKee has been spotted with an iced matcha, student Hannah strongly endorses their lavender latte, and Dr. Shank looks forward to their apple pie chai in the fall!</i>
Breakfast on Boal	Tues-Sun: 7:00am- 1:00pm	603 Boal Ave, Boalsburg PA	<i>If you're here on a busy day, you might want to make your way almost to the end of Atherton in Boalsburg to check out this location!</i>
	Mon: CLOSED		

RESOURCES FOR PLANNING YOUR STAY

<https://downtownstatecollege.com/experience/dine/>

<https://happyvalley.com/>

<https://www.statecollege.com/business-directory/category/restaurant/>

For those with celiac and gluten intolerance and other food sensitivities, the Facebook group Gluten Free State College can help you find restaurants with options for your dietary needs.