

STEM STUDENTS ARE HUNGRY TOO!

SCI 3900/HONOR 3990–Being Human in STEM Spring 2024 Student Project

WHAT?

STEM students have a unique disadvantage when it comes to accessing food on campus. This is due to:

- Lack of proximity of dining to STEM buildings.
- Dining options being closed when long and late classes/labs conclude.
- Lack of options.



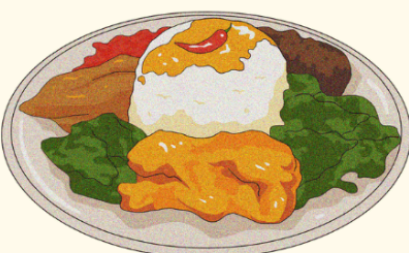
HOW DO YOU KNOW?

We conducted an anonymous survey to STEM students from a variety of majors. This survey was distributed through flyers, class announcements, and word of mouth. With over 130 responses in three weeks, we found that a majority of students are not satisfied with the food that is accessible to them on campus.

WHAT ARE THE STATS?

77.6% of STEM students say that food locations somewhat or entirely limit their accessibility to food while on campus.

41.5% of STEM students say that the food on campus either never meets their dietary restrictions or only sometimes meets them.

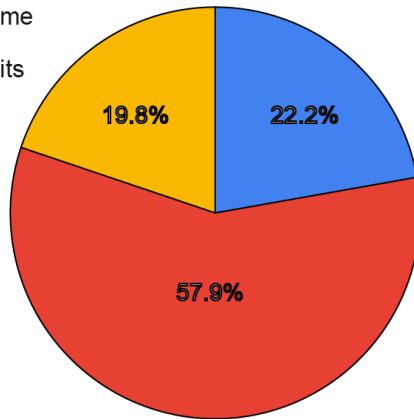


DO YOU HAVE ANY SOLUTIONS?

We want to increase food options around Presidents' Circle and advocate for expansion of menus to be inclusive for more students. Additionally, expand meal plan use at more locations near STEM buildings.

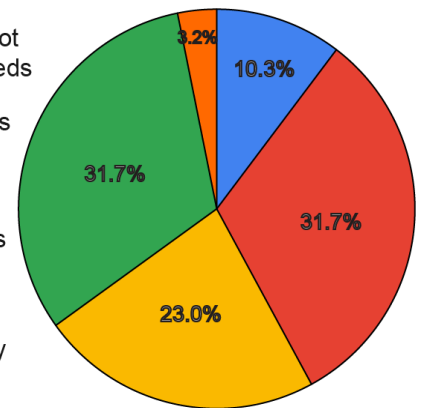
To what extent do the food options/locations, available to you, limit your ability to eat enough during a school day?

- Does not limit me
- Somewhat limits
- Limits me



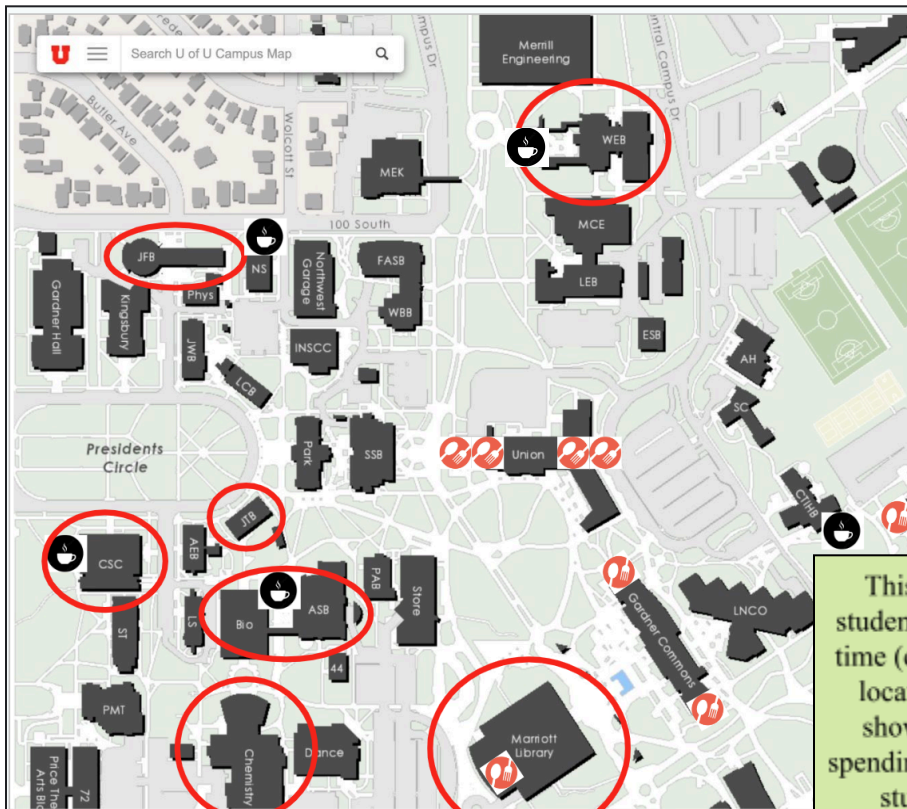
Do the food options on campus meet your dietary needs? (i.e. allergies, religion, preference, ect.)

- I do not eat on campus
- No, the food does not meet my dietary needs
- Yes, the food always meets my dietary needs
- The food sometimes meets my dietary needs
- I do not have dietary restrictions



The majority of STEM students find that food options and locations limit their ability to eat throughout a school day. Only 20% of respondents find that there are no limitations, while everyone else states to find some limitations.

Out of the STEM students surveyed, 10.3% never have their dietary needs met. Also, 23% of the respondents said their dietary restrictions are only sometimes met. This is about one-third of our respondents. It is important to reduce the percentage of students who struggle in some way to meet their dietary needs. Some students do not eat on campus; this is shown in the chart.



Building: Number of People:

JWB	3
Union	3
AEB	8
LCB	11
MEB	17
HEB	26
JFB	29
ASB	31
WEB	39
JTB	43
CSC	56
Library	76

This map shows the top 7 locations STEM students reported spending the majority of their time (circled in red) and their proximity to food locations and coffee shops. The table above shows the amount of students that reported spending time at each location. Red having more students and green having less students.

Quotes from survey respondents!

"While cafe options like Two Creek in CSC and Starley Commons in Web exist, their food variety is limited, and Starley Commons closes by 2:30 pm, leaving many students, especially those in STEM or with late classes, hungry."

"Sometimes I buy food, but I try not to because it is so expensive or so far away from class. I don't have time most days to travel to get food so I go hungry, which is about 50% of the time."

"We definitely need more options on lower campus for meal transfers/meal plan use. I also would like to see a wider range of options versus just packaged/snacky foods."

"Have places with more substantial meals near presidents circle"