



Food Accessibility Policy Document

1. Introduction

Manipal University Jaipur recognizes the importance of food accessibility as an essential aspect of student and staff well-being. This policy document outlines our commitment to ensuring that all members of the university community have access to nutritious, affordable, and culturally diverse food options on campus.

2. Objective

The primary objective of the Food Accessibility Policy is to promote and sustain a campus environment that supports the physical and nutritional needs of our students, faculty, and staff while considering their diverse dietary preferences and requirements.

3. Principles

Our commitment to food accessibility is guided by the following principles:

a. Inclusivity:

We strive to provide food options that accommodate a wide range of dietary preferences and requirements, including vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and other specific dietary needs.

b. Affordability:

We are dedicated to offering affordable meal options to ensure that the cost of food does not become a barrier to accessing nutritious meals.

c. Nutrition:

We prioritize the provision of balanced and nutritious food choices that support the health and well-being of our community members.

d. Sustainability:

We are committed to environmentally sustainable food practices, including sourcing locally when possible and reducing food waste.





e. Collaboration:

We actively engage with stakeholders, including students, faculty, staff, and food service providers, to continuously improve food accessibility on campus.

4. Campus Dining Facilities

Manipal University Jaipur shall maintain and oversee a variety of dining facilities on campus, including cafeterias and dining halls. These facilities will adhere to the following guidelines:

a. Menu Diversity:

Menus shall offer a diverse range of food options, including international cuisines, to cater to the cultural and dietary preferences of our community.

b. Nutritional Information:

Nutritional information for menu items shall be readily available to help community members make informed choices.

c. Special Dietary Needs:

Special dietary needs, such as vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and allergen-free options, shall be clearly marked and available.

d. Pricing:

Meal pricing shall be reasonable and competitive with local off-campus options.

e. Sustainable Practices:

Dining facilities shall implement sustainable practices, including reducing single-use plastics, sourcing local and organic ingredients when feasible, and managing food waste responsibly.

5. Student Initiatives

Manipal University Jaipur encourages and supports student-led initiatives related to food accessibility, such as community gardens, food banks, and meal-sharing programs.





The university shall provide space, resources, and administrative support for these endeavors.

6. Regular Assessment and Improvement

The university shall establish a Food Accessibility Committee responsible for regularly assessing and improving the food accessibility policies and practices on campus. This committee shall include representation from students, faculty, staff, and food service providers.

7. Communication and Feedback

Manipal University Jaipur shall maintain open channels of communication with the university community to solicit feedback and suggestions related to food accessibility. Regular surveys and feedback mechanisms shall be employed to gather input from students, faculty, and staff.

8. Conclusion

Manipal University Jaipur is committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive campus environment where food accessibility is a priority. This policy document serves as a foundation for our ongoing efforts to provide nutritious, affordable, and diverse food options for all members of our university community.

Number	Year	Major Revision
Version 3.0	2022	More Affordable Food Choices
Version 2.0	2021	COVID 19 Regulations
Version 1.0	2020	Initial policy

Approval

