

FAQs: STUDENT NUTRITITION ACCESS PROGRAM

Academic Term	Winter 2024
Program Operations Days	Monday - Thursday
Program Operations Hours	10am - 4pm

Question	When are hamper pick ups?
Answer	Monday, Wedensday and Thursday. The SNAP office is open
	Monday through Thursday to answer any question and help guide
	students in the SNAP registration process alongside give referrals
	for any extra support a student might need.

Am I still able to pick a food hamper even if I was enrolled in summer semester
If you were enrolled in Spring/Summer Semester you have to
register again. Please complete out assesment form on our SNAP Website.

Question	Am I able to get my hamper deliverd to my address
Answer	Unfortunately, we are only delivering hampers for special circumstances. This service is only for full-time students who have
	successfully completed the food pantry online registration form
	and are "Self-isolating/Self-quarantine/self-isolation" and/or have a "Physical Mobility Impairment Disability"

Question	What is the Food Hamper program?
Answer	The food hamper program provides GBC students access to
	nutritious food and/meals available. These food included but are
	not-limited to Non-perishables, perishables, meat and
	alternatives, dairy/dairy subsituitions and fresh produce available.

Question	What do I need to bring with me in order to register?
Answer	The student must remember to bring their GBC student ID and
	Proof of appointment

Question	Do I need to provide a printed copy of my current class schedule?
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Answer	No, you do not need to print your current class schedule because
	beofre coming for your scheduled appointment you would have
	had to Register and submit your current timetable

Question	Do I have to update my information I provided to SNAP every semester?
Answer	Yes, at the beginning of each new semester, you must provide your current semester class schedule to help us update your
	information on our database system.

Question	Can I come on the weekends?
Answer	Unfortunately, the SNAP office only operates on weekdays.

Question	Can I leave my food or meals at SNAP and come back to pick them up in the afternoon?
	Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to store everyone's food items. If possible, please try to visit at a time when you will be heading home soon after, as long as, it's during our hours of operation.

Question	Can you save a specific food item for me?
Answer	Unfortunately, we endeavour to distribute all food items in the
	most equitable way possible, however, if we run out of the item you're looking for, you will have to wait until we receive more.

What kind of food or meals do you have available at the SNAP food pantry?
Given our limited financial resources, SNAP relies heavily on food donations, therefore, the quantity and variety of food supplies will vary on a daily and/or weekly basis. Available products commonly include dairy, eggs, canned or dry goods and some fresh produce.

Question	I noticed that some of the food items are expired. Do you serve
	expired food items?

Answer	No. There is no expired food in the Food Pantry. There are two kinds of date markings: Best Before and Expiration dates. An Expiration date is not the same as a Best-Before date. Expiration dates are required only on certain foods that have strict compositional and nutritional specifications which may not be met after the expiration (formulated liquid diets, foods prescribed by a physician for diet, meal replacements, nutritional supplements, and baby formulas).
	Best Before dates tell you the amount of time that an unopened food product, when stored under appropriate conditions, will retain its: freshness, taste, nutritional value, or any other qualities claimed by the manufacturer.
	Therefore, we do stock foods in the food pantry that are past their Best Before dates because these dates only affect the quality of the product, they do not affect the safety of the food. Also, because we rely heavily on donations—often off the shelves of grocery stores who cannot sell past Best Before dates—these foods are often our only option.