

# Little Dinner Series FAQs

## What is the Little Dinner Series?

The Little Dinner Series has been a tradition of the Dedman College of Hospitality since 1957. Started by Professor Ashby Stiff over 60 years ago, it is the primary focus of students enrolled in the catering management course. Students in the class work in teams to plan and host a series of 4-course plated meals complete with signature cocktail and wine pairings. From menu to décor, each dinner is built around a specific theme. Dinner themes may reflect regional cuisines from around the world or be creative/whimsically inspired. We never do the same theme in the same way twice, and we never serve the same menu twice!

## Where can I purchase tickets?

Tickets can be purchased from our [Eventbrite](#) page.

## What days are the Little Dinners held?

Tuesday and Thursday evenings

## What time does it start?

The cocktail reception begins at 6:30PM followed by dinner service at 7:00PM

## Where are the dinners located?

Dinners are held in the first-floor dining room (Room 108) at the Augustus B. Turnbull Conference Center.

*555 W. Pensacola Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32306*

## Is there parking nearby?

Parking is available at the St. Augustine Garage. While guests may park on any level, we have reserved spaces on the 4th floor and recommend parking there for the most direct access to the Turnbull Conference Center. The 4th floor connects via the Mary L. Pankowski Entrance, located in the northeast corner of the garage.

**ADA parking is available on floors 1 through 4.** Elevator access to the 4th floor entrance is provided in the northeast corner of the garage.

Entrances to the parking garage are located on South Copeland Street (3rd-floor entrance), South Macomb Street (2nd-floor entrance), and St. Augustine Street (1st-floor entrance).

## Is there a dress code?

Yes, we ask that gentlemen wear a blazer. For ladies, complimentary cocktail-attire (this includes dresses, dress-suits, or slacks and a blouse.) No jeans or flip-flops.

## When will the dinner themes be posted?

Student teams spend the first two weeks of each semester developing their themes for the Little Dinner Series. Themes are available to guests at the end of the 2nd week of each semester (spring, summer, fall). Themes will first be posted on our [webpage](#).

## Can I see the menu before I purchase tickets?

Tentative menus will be posted on our [webpage](#) prior to the event. Please keep in mind that students go through an extensive menu development, testing, and revision process, which may result in updates to the menu on the day of the event. The tentative menu is intended to provide a general idea of the cuisine and style of dishes that will be served.

## Do you offer accommodations for allergies/special dietary needs?

Yes, we are happy to offer alternatives for food allergies with advance notice. We gladly accommodate the following dietary restrictions: shellfish, seafood, tree nuts, peanuts, gluten, dairy, soy, and egg. We also offer a vegetarian option. Please provide details of your party's dietary restrictions or food allergies at checkout via the LDS Eventbrite page. If you have additional dietary restrictions, special concerns, or questions not listed above, we encourage you to reach out to us directly. If you would like to modify your dietary accommodations or other reservation details **within 48 hours of the event**, please contact us at [LittleDinnerSeries@dedman.fsu.edu](mailto:LittleDinnerSeries@dedman.fsu.edu) for confirmation.

We will always do our best to accommodate guests; however, we cannot guarantee menu alternatives for dietary restrictions without advance notice. As this is a student kitchen, **we cannot guarantee the absence of cross-contamination, but we always strive to accommodate special dietary needs whenever possible.**

## I have a special request for seating; May I sit with a friend?

Absolutely! Seating at the Little Dinners is arranged at community tables of eight guests. If you would like multiple parties seated together or have a specific table request, please include those details in the space provided at checkout. While we do our best to accommodate seating requests, we cannot guarantee requests submitted fewer than 48 hours prior to the dinner.

## I am no longer able to attend; can I receive a refund?

We will honor refunds up until seven days before the dinner. A refund request can be submitted through [Eventbrite](#) or emailed to [LittleDinnerSeries@dedman.fsu.edu](mailto:LittleDinnerSeries@dedman.fsu.edu).

## I would like to transfer my ticket(s) to a different dinner date.

Please to contact us at [LittleDinnerSeries@dedman.fsu.edu](mailto:LittleDinnerSeries@dedman.fsu.edu) to inquire about date availability. As dinners often reach capacity, we cannot guarantee rainchecks.

## Are children/underage adults allowed to attend the Little Dinners?

Guests must be 21 or older to attend. IDs may be checked at the door.

## Where can I find more information and keep up with the Little Dinner Series?

[Little Dinner Series webpage](#)

[Eventbrite](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

## How can I support the Little Dinner Series program?

By attending the Little Dinner Series! If you would like to further support the Little Dinner Series, please visit our [donor](#) page.