



# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY Dedman School of Hospitality

## **Little Dinner Series FAQs**

- **What is the Little Dinner Series?**

The Little Dinner Series has been a tradition of the Dedman School of Hospitality since 1957. Started by Professor Ashby Stiff over 60 years ago, it is the primary focus of students enrolled in the Dedman School's 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 & Thursday evenings

- **What time does it start?**

6:30 PM

- **Where are the dinners located?**

The Little Dinners are located in Doak Campbell Stadium, University Center B, on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. Please use the elevators located inside of the building.

- **Is there parking nearby?**

There is free parking in the Stadium Visitor's lot, this lot has front row ADA parking available. (The gate opens at 7:00 PM, so no need for parking validation.)

- **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 please.

- **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 2<sup>nd</sup> week of each semester (Spring, Summer, Fall.) Please check our LDS Eventbrite and Facebook pages for theme information.

- **Can I see the menu before I purchase tickets?**

Because we never serve the same menu twice, student teams must create, test, revise, retest, design, and format all menus from scratch each semester. The testing and formatting phases of menu development are completed mid-semester, at which time the menus become available to

guests via the LDS Eventbrite and Facebook pages. We aim to have final menus posted 2-4 weeks prior to the first event of each semester.

Tickets will be available prior to the menu's release and cannot be held or guaranteed available if you choose to wait.

- **Do you offer accommodations for allergies/special dietary needs?**

Yes, we are happy to offer alternatives for food allergies with advance notice. Please provide details of your party's dietary restrictions/food allergies at checkout via the LDS Eventbrite page.

If you'd like to modify your dietary restriction accommodations, or other details of your reservation within 48 hours of the event, please reach out to Lacey Wallheiser 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.

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

Absolutely! Seating at the Little Dinners will be assigned to community tables of 8-10 people. If you would like multiple parties seated at your table or have a table request, please elaborate in the space provided at checkout.

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

We will honor refunds up until 24-hours before the dinner. A refund request can be submitted via 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 Lacey at [LittleDinnerSeries@dedman.fsu.edu](mailto:LittleDinnerSeries@dedman.fsu.edu) to inquire about date availability.

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

Yes, we welcome all age groups for dinner. A mock-tail (the evening's signature cocktail minus alcohol) and sweet/unsweet/hot teas are available at every event. There is not a discounted ticket price available.

- **I have a group interested in attending, what are my options?**

We can accommodate groups on Thursday evening events only. Please contact Lacey at [LittleDinnerSeries@dedman.fsu.edu](mailto:LittleDinnerSeries@dedman.fsu.edu) for contract details. The Little Dinners are held in 3 separate dining spaces: The larger dining room can accommodate 32-45 guests; The mid-sized dining room can accommodate 32-38 guests; the smallest dining room can accommodate 16-20 guests. You may also book multiple rooms. A promo-code will be issued to reserve your seats on Eventbrite.

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

Please visit our [webpage](#) | [Eventbrite profile](#) | [Facebook page](#) | [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](#).