

FOOD AND DRINK POLICY

Food and beverages can damage Library collections and equipment with spills and messes, and they attract rodents and other unwanted pests. Food odors and sounds may also disturb other patrons.

The NYU Shanghai Library Food and Drink Policy provides guidelines for consuming food and drinks in the Library. The policy is designed to allow Library users to enjoy an occasional snack in designated areas while protecting our shared resources and maintaining a clean and welcoming learning environment for all Library users.

Please adhere to the following guidelines regarding food and beverages in the library:

- Covered beverages and small, packaged snacks may be consumed in designated sections of the Library. Examples of foods that are generally permitted include:
 - Coffee or tea
 - Bottled Water
 - Small sandwiches
 - Fruit
 - Nuts
- Large meals and messy or aromatic foods are not permitted in the Library. Examples of foods that are generally prohibited include:
 - Pizza
 - Stir fry
 - Noodle soups
 - Trays of food from the cafeteria
- Food and drinks are **prohibited** near computer stations and in quiet study areas and group study rooms, with the exception of bottled water.
- Clean up after yourself! Please place all trash in the appropriate containers, wipe it up, and notify library staff if you spill.
- Individuals consuming foods that violate the policy will be asked to put the food away or relocate out of the library.
- All food consumption in the library is at the discretion of the Library.
- Failure to abide by this policy may result in the Library staff revoking your Library privileges.
- Library users who refuse to comply with the Library Food and Drink Policy will be considered in violation of the [NYU Shanghai Library Code of Conduct](#).

Thank you for helping us keep the library clean and inviting. Please contact the library at shanghai.library@nyu.edu if you have any questions.

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