RESTAURANTS/DESSERT SHOPS

ON STANFORD CAMPUS

List of places to eat on campus: http://www.stanford.edu/dept/visitorinfo/activities/dining.html
Popular places: Ike’s Place (awesome sandwiches – check online for full menu as you can order items from both SF and Stanford menus), Thai Café, CoHo, Subway, Panda Express, Fraiche Yogurt, Jamba Juice, Starbucks, Coupa Café (GSB location has great Venezuelan sandwiches called arepas)

SOUTH/SOUTH WEST OF STANFORD CAMPUS

PALO ALTO - DOWNTOWN

Oren’s Hummus Shop – 261 University Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94301
Cuisine: Mediterranean, Middle Eastern
Notes: Open until 11pm everyday
Recommended dishes: Beef hummus, shakshuka, chicken skewers, lemonade, mint tea, whole wheat pita

Lyfe Kitchen – 482 University Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301
Cuisine: New American
Notes: Good place to feel healthy eating out. In addition to having meat dishes, they also have a gluten-free menu and a vegetarian and vegan menu as well. All the dishes show the calorie count as well – if you are a big eater, may need to order more, but this is a good place for “appropriately-sized” meals rather than your typical large American entrees.
Recommended dishes: crispy gardein* chicken sandwich, chicken & grilled pineapple sandwich, classic burger, roasted loch duart salmon, chocolate budino with pom-chia, also check out their non-alcoholic drink menu!

Sprout Café – 168 University Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301
Cuisine: Salad/Sandwiches
Notes: Custom, made-to-order salads. Grab an order sheet and pencil as you walk in, mark off the options you want and hand it to the cashier. Half-size salads are usually pretty good size, but if you’re the very hungry type go for the full salad.
Recommended dishes: Fresh squeezed orange juice, grilled marinated tri-tip steak (topping), miso glazed salmon (topping), furikake crusted tofu (topping),

Sancho’s Taqueria – 129 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301
Cuisine: Mexican
Notes: Cash only.
Recommended dishes: Carne asada taco, fish taco, mole
Coconuts Caribbean Restaurant & Bar – 642 Ramona St, Palo Alto, CA 94301  
**Cuisine:** Caribbean  
**Recommended dishes:** Jerk chicken, Six Hour Braised Oxtail, Curried Garbanzo Avacado Guacamole, Warm Sweet Potato

Tai Pan – 560 Waverly St., Palo Alto, CA 94301  
**Cuisine:** Chinese  
**Notes:** A “nice” Chinese restaurant, a bit on the pricier side, but pretty good and close to campus. They serve dim sum also, even on weekdays during lunch.  
**Recommended dishes:** Most dishes are pretty solid.

**PALO ALTO – CALIFORNIA AVENUE**

La Bodeguita Del Media – 463 S. California Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306  
**Cuisine:** Cuban  
**Notes:** Friendly atmosphere, good-sized portions, cigar room in the back.  
**Recommended dishes:** Bistec de Palomilla, Tortillas Con Pescado

Anatolian Kitchen – 2323 Birch St., Palo Alto, CA 94306  
**Cuisine:** Turkish, Mediterranean  
**Notes:** Good-sized portions, brothers who run it are friendly and nice  
**Recommended dishes:** Alexander’s Favorite, Doner Wrap, rice pudding, Anatolian coffee

Spice Kit – 340 S California Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94306  
**Cuisine:** Vietnamese, Korean, sandwiches  
**Notes:** Mostly a lunch place but open for dinner too, can add pate to sandwiches. You choose the form you want your meal in (sandwich, wrap, or rice bowl), choose a type of meat, and add sides if you want.  
**Recommended dishes:** Pork buns, lotus chips, banh mi with beef short ribs, ginger peanut slaw, calamansi lime-ade, Vietnamese iced coffee

**Other Palo Alto places to check out:**
- So Gong Dong Tofu House (Korean, soft tofu soup, also has one in Santa Clara)  
- Rice Thai Cuisine (Thai, green curry, coconut chicken soup)  
- Fraiche Yogurt (Frozen yogurt)  
- Buca Di Beppo (Italian, family style, good for groups)  
- Kara’s Cupcakes (located in Town & Country)  
- Sprinkles (another cupcake store, located in Stanford Shopping Center)
- Douce France (French bakery in Town & Country)
- Patxi’s Chicago Pizza (deep dish style pizza)
- Tamarine (Vietnamese fusion, $$$)
- Evvia Estiatorio (Greek, $$$)
- Bistro Maxine (tiny! Good crepes and Crôque-Madame)
- Pluto’s (similar to Sprout but cheaper)
- Paris Baguette (Korean/Asian bakery)
- Homma’s Brown Rice Sushi (hole in the wall)
- Chantal Guillou Macarons & Teas
- Tea Time (service isn’t great, but close by place for crumpets and clotted cream!)
- Asia Box (Town & Country, like Spice Kit in concept)
- Sushi House (popular with students, good quick fix for Japanese food cravings)

**MOUNTAIN VIEW**

**Tea Era** – 271 Castro St., Mountain View, CA 94041  
*Cuisine*: Pearl Milk Tea  
*Notes:* Connected to Queen’s House next door, so you can order their drinks there as well. Small boba shop. They have a point system where you buy 10 and get 1 drink free.  
*Recommended dishes:* Roasted barley milk tea (hot – though cold is good too), tangerine tea

**Queen’s House** – 273 Castro St., Mountain View, CA 94041  
*Cuisine*: Taiwanese, Chinese  
*Notes:* Small shop, but quite popular with the local Chinese folks. They have deals such as 3 dishes for $18 (might be higher now). They can get pretty packed around lunch on the weekends, especially with people coming from the farmers market. You can also order drinks from Tea Era next door which is connected to Queen’s House (just ask for the menu).  
*Recommended dishes:* Three cup chicken, eggplant with basil, Taiwanese style pork over rice, beef noodle soup, Chinese donut with soybean milk, sticky rice roll, beef stew in clay pot, salt & pepper fish fillet

**Kappo Nami Nami** – 240 Castro St., Mountain View, CA 94041  
*Cuisine*: Japanese  
*Notes:* You can order individual dishes, or share small plates izakaya style.  
*Recommended dishes:* Kaisen don, Kobe beef don, kakuni, black cod with miso (for the more adventurous – you might try the ankimo or kani miso), negitoro maki, egg cocktail, plum & shiso ice cream, inaniwa udon

**Fu Lam Mum** – 153 Castro St., Mountain View, CA 94041  
*Cuisine*: Chinese/Cantonese, Dim Sum  
**Notes:** Great for groups as they have two floors, but can still be a bit crowded on the weekends. If you go after 9 pm, they have a discounted menu that includes dim sum dishes (3 for $10!).

**Recommended dishes:** Steamed live fish, honey walnut prawns, beef brisket in supreme broth (comes in a wok/pot like dish over a flame), roast duck or Peking duck, crispy noodles with seafood, salt & pepper soft shell crabs, fried whole shrimp with salted egg yolk, tea-smoked sea bass

**Verde** – 153 Castro St., Mountain View, CA 94041
**Cuisine:** Pearl Milk Tea

**Notes:** More cramped after their remodel, but still very popular. They are one of the best boba places in the bay area, and stay open fairly late.

**Recommended dishes:** Regular pearl milk tea, Earl Grey pearl milk tea, Skinny Beauty, watermelon juice with aloe, pudding milk tea (they can add pudding to any order actually), almond milk tea, Taiwanese style thick toast, salty fried chicken

**Other Mountain View places to check out:**
- Maruichi Ramen (Japanese)
- Shana Thai (Thai)
- Xanh (Vietnamese/Asian Fusion)
- Sushi Tomi (Japanese)
- In-N-Out Burger (search the internet for “secret menu” options)
- Amber India (Indian)
- Garden Fresh Vegetarian Restaurant
- Taqueria La Bamba
- Taqueria Los Charros
- La Costena
- Los Altos Taqueria
- Scratch (Brunch)

**LOS ALTOS**

**Muracci’s 2 Japanese Curry & Grill** – 562 S. Murphy Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086
**Cuisine:** Japanese

**Recommended dishes:** Pork katsu curry

**Satsuma Cakes** – 200 Main St., Los Altos, CA 94022
**Cuisine:** Desserts/Bakery

**Notes:** Japanese style bakery and dessert shop

**Recommended dishes:** Earl Grey cake, banana cream pie, cream puffs (both regular and matcha!), kouign-amann, and just about everything else in the shop
SUNNYVALE

**Great Vegi Land** – 562 S. Murphy Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086  
*Cuisine*: Chinese, Vegetarian  
*Notes*: Hole in the wall mom and pop joint in a random non-descript plaza that serves Chinese vegetarian dishes with mock meat (Buddhist-vegan style so they don’t use eggs, garlic, onions, and milk). Sworn meat-eaters can be persuaded to eat here. Service can be a bit slow as the husband is the only cook, and the wife is the only server.  
*Recommended dishes*: Chicken & basil clay pot, beef stew clay pot, fried tofu sticks (appetizer), eggplant, beef curry, roti/pancake

**Shalimar** – 1146 W. El Camino Real., Sunnyvale, CA 94085  
*Cuisine*: Indian, Pakistani  
*Notes*: Cheap Indian food, self-service for tea, water, and utensils. Order food at the counter and then find a spot to sit. Some dishes can be VERY spicy.  
*Recommended dishes*: Na’an, chicken tikka masala, kababs (skewered meats), biryani

**DishDash** – 190 S Murphy Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94085  
*Cuisine*: Middle Eastern, Mediterranean  
*Notes*: Large portions, usually pretty busy so make reservations if you can. Located in downtown Sunnyvale, you can’t actually park on Murphy, but there’s plenty of lots around.  
*Recommended dishes*: Kibbeh (appetizer), Shawarma (appetizer), Bamieh, Beriani (comes in either beef, lamb or chicken – many people recommend the chicken version called Beriani Dajaj), Tabsi, Kenafeh (dessert), Turkish coffee, mango yogurt drink (similar to mango lassi), kebabs. Just about every dish here is great.

Other Sunnyvale places to check out:  
- Lee’s Sandwiches (Vietnamese bahn mi, chicken wings)  
- Tanto Japanese Restaurant (Izakaya, Japanese)  
- Kabul (Afghan)

SANTA CLARA (“Korea Town”)  

**Jang Su Jang** – 3561 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95051  
*Cuisine*: Korean  
*Notes*: They cook the bbq at your table for you, make reservations as it gets busy  
*Recommended dishes*: Kalbi, seafood pancake (haemul pajang), “old style/traditional” bulgolgi, spicy beef soup with hand cut noodles, steamed pork slices w/ pickled cabbage and daikon wraps (bossam jungsik)

**Seoul Gom Tang** – 3028 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95051
**Cuisine:** Korean


**Notes:** Specializes in oxtail soup. Add the salt and green onions and eat it with the kimchee and dipping sauce provided, otherwise it will be very bland. Soups come with rice.

**Recommended dishes:** Ggori Gom Tang (oxtail broth with oxtail meat, you can ask to have noodles added)

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**SGD Tofu House** – 3450 E. El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95051

**Cuisine:** Korean


**Notes:** Used to be quite popular with Korean Stanford students (especially since the owner used to give them free stuff sometimes), but the one in Palo Alto is probably more convenient to get to now. Food is still great and they are usually pretty busy but they have a large space so you don’t usually have to wait long. They specialize in soon du bu (soft tofu soup – usually spicy – served in a stone pot). Owner is very friendly and gives extra candy/gum to the girls. 😊

**Recommended dishes:** Combination soft tofu, bibimbap, pajang

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**Kabab and Curry’s** - 1498 Isabella St, Santa Clara, CA 95050

**Cuisine:** Indian, Pakistani


**Notes:** Can get crowded, located in a residential area

**Recommended dishes:** Chicken tandoori; Butter chicken curry; Aaloo baigun; Biryani (can sell out so often good to call ahead and reserve your order even when you are dining in); good selection of traditional desserts

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**Orenchi Ramen** - 3540 Homestead Rd, Santa Clara, CA 95051

**Cuisine:** Japanese


**Notes:** Can get crowded, located in a relatively dead plaza.

**Recommended dishes:** Orenchi ramen, Orenchi salad, karaage

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**Ilbunjee #1 - Pojangmacha** - 2325 El Camino, Ste 103, Santa Clara, CA 95051

**Cuisine:** Korean BBQ


**Notes:** Hole in the wall, they don’t speak much English (good chance to practice Korean!), specializes in un-marinated meats so not your typical Korean BBQ place.

**Recommended dishes:** Usually easiest to go for one of their beef combination dinners with kurobuta pork belly. Usually for 3 people, a combination dinner for 2 is enough.

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**Cooking Papa** - 2830 Homestead Rd, Santa Clara, CA 95051

**Cuisine:** Chinese, Cantonese/HK food, dim sum


**Notes:** Food comes out ridiculously fast, cash only, small parking lot. One of those dependable Chinese restaurants where you know what to expect (comfort food, slightly ghetto)

**Recommended dishes:** Roast duck, Special egg tofu, roast pork belly, pork bone and watercress porridge, beef chow fun, huge menu so feel free to explore
Other Santa Clara places to check out:
- Hoshi (Japanese, izakaya, service can be slow but it’s run by a family – great place to practice Japanese if you want!)
- Sumiya (Japanese, yakitori)
- En (Izakaya)
- Jang Mo Jip (Korean, similar to Ilbunjee but also known for their fried chicken)
- Paris Baguette (personally think this one is better than the Palo Alto one, at least for the thick toast/bread loaves)
- Sweet Potato Stall (In front of Galleria Market)

CUPERTINO

Kitsho – 19541 Richwood Dr., Cupertino, CA 95014
-Cuisine: Japanese, Sushi Bar
-Notes: Near the intersection of Stevens Creek and Wolfe/Miller, down a small residential street, so it’s hard to spot. They have several menus – regular menu, a la carte/second menu (features onigiri, ochazuke, and some other interesting items), regular sushi menu, sushi specials menu (also written on the white board as you come in, featuring in-season sashimi/sushi that are more unique – ask for recommendations if you’ve never heard of some of the item choices).
*Owner/sushi chef recently changed (>_<).
-Recommended dishes: Special chirashi, sashimi moriawase, hamachi sashimi appetizer, just about any sushi/sashimi items – they even have whole live uni sometimes!), beef teriyaki, gindara kasu zuke, hamachi kama, chawan mushi, unajyu, homemade tofu, dobin mushi (seafood and chicken soup/broth served in a teapot)

Joy Luck Bistro – 10911 N. Wolfe Road, Cupertino, CA 95014
-Cuisine: Chinese, Cantonese style, BBQ items
-Notes: Located in Cupertino Village. Cheaper than Joy Luck Place but they serve pretty much different menus. Kitchen is connected to Joy Luck Place (sometimes, if Joy Luck Place is busy for dim sum, you might want to hop over to the bistro as they allow you to order some dim sum dishes at the bistro – though if you get a grumpy waiter he might not let you).
-Recommended dishes: Roast duck, soy sauce chicken, bbq pork (you can get any of these or a combo over rice, which comes with some veggies too), pork and thousand year egg congee, fried chicken wings, fried tofu, stewed beef and tendon over rice

Joy Luck Place – 10911 N. Wolfe Road, Cupertino, CA 95014
-Cuisine: Chinese, Dim Sum
Notes: Located in Cupertino Village. If going for dim sum, try to get there before 11:30 am as the lines can get long after that. For a cheaper and more casual Joy Luck, try Joy Luck Bistro around the corner (also in Cupertino Village)

Recommended dishes: Dim sum, Peking duck, clay pots, steamed fish, egg tart

Other Cupertino places to check out:
- A & J Restaurant (Chinese/Taiwanese restaurant – Recommend spicy beef noodle soup, fried pork chop over rice, thousand layer pancake, beef buns, bean curd with shredded celery and carrots, also have Chinese/Taiwanese breakfast items on weekends)
- Fantasia (Café/pearl milk tea store – Recommend #2 honey green tea with lychee and grass jelly)
- Chef Woo (Chinese/Taiwanese – Go on the weekends for breakfast)
- Alexander’s Steakhouse (Upscale steak house with Asian influences – Recommend prime rib, hamachi shots, yuzu lemonade, and just about everything else they have.)
- Beard Papa (cream puffs! The puffs with the dulce de leche shell or cookie crunch shells are really good)
- Liang’s Village Cuisine (beef wrapped in green onion pancake, beef noodle soup, oxtail over hand pulled noodles, wonton soup, tofu)
- Little Sheep Mongolian Hot Pot
- Gochi (Japanese Izakaya, recommend to make reservations ahead of time)
- Gamba Karaoke (next door to Gochi, specializes in Japanese karaoke but has some Chinese and English)
- Music Tunnel KTV Café (probably one of the best karaoke places in the area – HUGE selection of songs in English, Chinese, Japanese, and Korean – plus they have food and drinks!)
- Gyu-Kaku (same chain as the one in Japan)

SAN JOSE

- Tong Dumpling Pot (Chinese – Recommend three deluxe dumplings either pan fried or steamed; they also sell them in bags of 50 to take home frozen)
- Ramen Halu (Japanese, ramen – Recommend tsukemen set, or tonkatsu ramen. Located in a random strip mall next to an Indian grocery mart)
- Santouka Ramen (located in Mitsuwa supermarket – toroniku shio ramen!)
- Le Papilllon (French – very pricey, especially if you do the prix fixe tasting menu; one of those places where you should dress up and turn off the cell phone and make sure not to wear sneakers)
- Bun Bo Hue An Nam (Vietnamese, specializes in Vietnamese spicy beef noodle soup)
- Pho Y #1 (Vietnamese, pho)
- Vung Tau (Vietnamese, #84 Suon Rim Man, #89 Catfish in clay pot, #90 Sea bass in clay pot, generally most things here are good)
- Crawdaddy (Cajun/Creole)
- The Boiling Crab (Cajun/Creole)
- Isabella’s Restaurant (Peruvian)
- Com Tam Thien Huong (Vietnamese, rice plates)
- Thanh Son Hien Khanh (Vietnamese desserts, to go food, fresh soy milk and tofu)

MILPITAS

- Anh Hong Saigon (Vietnamese – Recommend the 7 courses of beef; they also have locations in San Jose)
- ABC Seafood (Chinese – dim sum)
- Many other restaurants in the Ranch 99 complex in Milpitas close to the 237 freeway

NORTH/NORTH EAST OF STANFORD

MENLO PARK/REDWOOD CITY

- Café Barrone (good for studying and eating breakfast)
- Wasiiki Peruvian Restaurant (Peruvian)
- El Hueco (Peruvian)
- Donato Enoteca (Italian)
- El Grullense (Mexican, taqueria)
- Oasis Beer Garden (open late, burgers, beers, and pizza)
- Kaygetsu (Japanese)
- Flea Street Café (American)
- Gombei (Japanese)

SAN MATEO

- Wakuriya (Japanese/Kaiseki)
- China Bee (Chinese/Taiwanese)
- Santa Ramen (Ramen)
- Sweet Breams (Dessert, Japanese mini taiyaki)
- Himawari (Ramen/Japanese)
- Little Sheep Mongolian Hotpot (Chinese)
- Wasiiki (Peruvian)
- Sushi Sam’s (Japanese, sushi bar)
- Ramen Dojo
- Yakitori KOKKO
- T-pump (Taiwanese pearl milk tea/boba)
- Usagi (Japanese comfort food, mentaiko spaghetti, omurice)
- Curry Up Now (Indian/Pakistani)
- Attic (Filipino, Asian Fusion)
- Dessert Republic (Chinese/HK desserts)
- Golden Island Café (HK style desserts – grapefruit mango sago, etc)
- Grape & Grain (pub/wine bar)

**SAN CARLOS**

- Kabul Afghan Cuisine (Afghan, mashawa soup, kadu, rack of lamb special if they have it)
- 888 Ristorante Italiano (fairly small, Thursdays are a good day to go after the San Carlos farmers market as the chef likes to shop there for fresh produce)
- Town (steakhouse, bread pudding)
- Refuge (thick-slice pastrami sandwiches, large selection of Belgian beers on tap)
- Cuisinett (cute French cafe, great owner from France so good chance to practice!)

**DALY CITY**

**Koi Palace** – 365 Gellert Blvd, Daly City, CA 94015  
*Cuisine:* Chinese, Dim Sum  
*Notes:* Difficult to see from the street – after making a right-turn from Hickey onto Gellert, make a right turn into the first side street you see. If you don’t get here within an hour of opening time on weekends for dim sum, you might have to wait anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour to get a table, but it is one of the best dim sum/general Chinese/tea house places in the area.  
*Recommended dishes:* For dim sum – egg puff pastry, xiao long bao with crab roe, crispy roast pig, shrimp har gao, shu mai, scallops over rice with a uni sauce (sounds strange but it’s good), just about everything 😊; For dinner – they are known for their seafood, including crab with salted egg yolk, fresh poached live shrimp, steamed fish, geoduck sashimi, 8 treasure tofu clay pot.

**SAN FRANCISCO**

*Way too many places to list, but here are the names of a few 😊*  

- Bi-Rite Creamery (small ice cream shop known for it’s salted caramel ice cream with lines that wrap around the block – close to Tartine Bakery as well)
- Humphrey Slocombe Ice Cream (very interesting flavors…)
- Hog & Rocks (American, small plates, great drinks and food – especially if you like oysters or cured pork/bacon)
- Tartine Bakery (yummy and packed French bakery – definitely try the banana cream tart, there’s not much space to sit, but you can always order and take your food over to nearby Dolores Park to eat)
- Delfina (next to Tartine, Italian)
- Ike’s Place (sandwiches/deli place but quite famous – one opened on campus too!)
- Dosa on Valencia (South Indian food, recommend bhatura, peppercorn chicken, and one of their dosas)
- Yank Sing (dim sum)
- Good Luck Dim Sum
- Kingdom of Dumpling (Chinese, xiao long bao)
- Ryoko’s Japanese Restaurant & Bar (sushi)
- San Tung (Chinese, great chicken wings, dumplings)
- Dynamo Donuts
- Beretta (Italian, pizza – try their burrata margherita pizza!)
- Roli Roti (SF Ferry Building Farmer’s Market – check out their Porchetta Sandwich!)
- Foodtrucks: http://www.findsffoodtrucks.com/ (Roli Roti, Hapa SF, Adobo Hobo, and many more!)
- Izakaya Sozai
- Maverick
- Brenda’s French Soul Food (brunch, canjun/creole, crawfish beignets)
- Zazie (brunch, French)
- Serpentine (brunch, bread pudding)
- Philz Coffee
- Blue Bottle Coffee
- Cha-Ya (vegetarian Japanese)
- Magnolia Pub & Brewery
- Anchor Brewing Company