



General Information for Veteran Students

Chapters of education benefits

Chapter 33: Post 9/11

Chapter 30: Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty

Chapter 35: Survivor Benefits of 100% disabled or killed on active duty service member.

Chapter 1606: Reservist/National Guard

Benefit eligibility

- Remedial classes (those under the 100 level) taken online are not eligible for veterans' educational benefits. Remedial classes are eligible for benefits when taken as a traditional, face-to-face class.
- Health and Physical Education (HPE) classes are considered recreational and are not eligible for veteran educational benefits unless specifically required as part of a degree program.
- The VA does not cover out-of-state tuition for students. Please refer to the Admissions office for residency requirements for Veteran students.

Full-time enrollment

Students receive educational benefits only while actively attending classes. Enrolling in 12 credits during a semester does not automatically classify a student as full-time for benefits. For example, if a student takes 9 credits in the first 8-week session and 3 credits in the second 8-week session (a total of 12 credits for the semester), they would be considered full-time during the first 8-week session and half-time starting on the first of the second 8-week session.

Payment rates

Rates for all chapters of VA educational benefits are as follows:

8-week term:

6+ is Full-Time

4-5 is Three-Quarter Time

3 is Half-Time

Below 3 is Quarter-Time (only eligible for tuition and fees)

16-week term:

12+ is Full-Time

9-11 is Three-Quarter Time

6-8 is Half-Time

Below 6 is Quarter Time (only eligible for tuition and fees)

To qualify for any Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) payment, Post 9/11 students must be attending at least 51% of a full-time course load. That means in a 16-week semester, a minimum is 7 credits, and in an 8-week semester, at least 4 credits.

Post 9/11 students will receive their benefits based on the nearest tenth. Therefore, if their enrollment is at 51% of full-time, their payment rate will be 50% of the monthly BAH payment, provided they qualified.

Additionally, Chapter 33 students who are taking online only classes will receive payment at half the national average of BAH rate, as long as they are enrolled at 51% or more of a full-time course load, multiplied by their rated percentage.

Change of enrollment

Report any changes to the School Certifying Official (SCO), such as adding classes, dropping classes, changes of your academic major, address changes, and course substitutions.

Reporting non-punitive grades

Non-punitive grades are W (Withdrawal), ID (Instructor Drop), RD (Roster Drop) and AU (Audit). The VA does not provide benefits for non-punitive grades, and the SCO will report these grades to the VA when they are identified. Receiving any of these grades could result in a student being overpaid by the VA.

Students have the opportunity to provide evidence of mitigating circumstances that directly affect their ability to complete a course(s). These circumstances should be beyond the student's control and may include serious illness of the student, serious illness or death of an immediate family member, financial obligations, or a course being discontinued by the school. Proof of mitigating circumstances can be submitted to the SCO. If Veteran students do not submit proof of mitigating circumstances, the SCO will adhere to VA regulations and automatically report the last date of attendance for the "W" grade as the official drop date for the course.

Repeating classes

If you have received a grade of "F" or "D," you may repeat a class and still receive benefits for it.

Change in education or degree plan

Students receiving veteran's benefits have the option to start a new degree plan. To change their degree, students must complete a Veteran's Training Review form and discuss it with an advisor. Once the form is filled out by both the student and the advisor, it should be returned to the SCO. Please note that the SCO cannot certify enrollment for any classes that do not align with the student's new degree plan.