

# Veterans

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## Center for Veteran, Military and Family Programs

The Center for Veteran, Military and Family Programs (<https://wvuveterans.wvu.edu/home/>) (CVMF) at WVU assists in providing academic, personal and professional support for all military connected students in a safe and welcoming environment. The center is open to all veterans, armed forces personnel and dependents of current and former military service members.

For information on how to start your VA benefits:

U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (<https://www.va.gov/>)

WV Educational Encouragement Program (<https://apps.wv.gov/WVEEP/>)

## FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE

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All students receiving VA benefits for the first time will need to apply by going to U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (<https://www.va.gov/>). If you are approved, you will be sent a Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) in the mail. Please note this process may take 30-45 days. Visit the Center for Veteran, Military and Family Programs (<https://wvuveterans.wvu.edu/home/>) to view additional documentation needed for benefit certification.

Undergraduate students who wish to receive the full stipend of VA Educational benefits in the fall and spring semesters, must maintain a minimum of 12-degree pursuant credit hours for the full semester. Degree pursuant coursework can be defined as courses recorded as degree requirements, degree electives, course prerequisites, required general education courses, military science credit for ROTC and minors **required** by a chosen major as stated in the WVU Catalog (<http://catalog.wvu.edu/>). Students must request to be certified for terms other than fall/spring by contacting the Center for Veteran, Military and Family Programs (<https://wvuveterans.wvu.edu/>).

Students receiving Chapter 33 (Post 9/11) benefits need to be aware that charges for housing and meal plans will be the student's responsibility to pay up front.

Undergraduate students receiving benefits must declare a major or non-exploratory pathway by the time they reach 29 earned hours. Students must matriculate into their intended degree program by 59 earned hours. If this does not happen, the student cannot be certified for benefits.

For VA purposes, students receiving benefits will be certified as on-campus, hybrid (low-modality) or online. On-campus and hybrid programs receive a higher rate for Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) than online. Visit the GI Bill Comparison Tool (<https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>) to compare rates. Hybrid programs are those in which on-campus student attendance is required at least one time per term. Students must sign in for the academic session and inform the professor to send proof of attendance to the certifying official on campus. The certifying official will recertify benefits at the higher MHA rate. Meetings that take place before or after the class begins or ends (such as orientations), will not count toward hybrid certification. \*MHA will not be affected for active duty students receiving Federal Tuition Assistance.

For more information on modality definitions, visit WVU Catalog ([http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/programs\\_courses\\_\\_enrollment/#Modality](http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/programs_courses__enrollment/#Modality)).

## Credit Hours for Full Time Status

For information concerning full time status, eligibility of benefits, book stipends, and housing rates for WVU, call the VA Education Hotline at 888-442-4551 or visit the GI Bill Comparison Tool. (<https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>)

\*Graduate hours needed for full time status may change depending on how many weeks the class is in session.

\*GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Web site at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill> (<https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>).

## Registration for Veterans

West Virginia University offers priority registration to veterans as part of the Forever GI Bill - Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act.

Additional information regarding attendance, leave policies for activations and withdrawal policies can be found under the Enrollment tab of the Advising, Enrollment and Grades (<http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/enrollmentandregistration/>) section of the catalog.

**Contact Information:**

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Facebook: WVUVeteransHQ

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## Student Account Policies

Policies are in place concerning late fees, financial holds, removal from class and collections. Students should review the Student Accounts Financial Responsibility (<https://studentaccounts.wvu.edu/policies/>) page for the most up to date information about Payment Due Dates, Late Payment Fees, Financial Holds and the Collection Policy.

### SECTION 103

On December 31, 2018, the President signed into law the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018. It contains a provision (Section 103) that took effect on August 1, 2019. Therefore, despite any policy to the contrary, for any students using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® (Ch. 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Ch. 31) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from the VA, WVU will not:

- Prevent their enrollment;
- Assess a late penalty fee to;
- Require they secure alternative or additional funding;
- Deny their access to any resources (access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution.

However, to qualify for this provision, such students may be required to:

- Produce the VA's Certificate of Eligibility by the first day of class;
- Provide written request to be certified;
- Provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies (see our VA School Certifying Official for all requirements).