

Advising Students Receiving Veteran Benefits

(Including spouses and dependents)

Course selection—VA Requirements

Students **must take courses that are necessary to meet degree requirements** to receive benefits.

Fall & Spring terms require **12 credits or more for full-time benefits**. Part-time enrollment impacts VA benefits. Students taking fewer than 12 cr. should contact Veteran Services (B-103) about how this will affect their benefits.

Remedial coursework can be counted as credits for VA benefits. (However, remedial course work taken as distance learning may not be acceptable to the VA)

Students enrolling for **summer** generally need 4 credits or more in each six week session they are enrolled in, to receive full-time benefits. (8 credits for the twelve week session).

Mod and late start classes can affect GI Bill payments and training time. VA payment may be affected depending on the start and end dates of a MOD class. For example, a student taking 12 credits is considered full-time. However, for VA purposes, they are not paid full-time rates if a class begins after the start of the semester or ends before the last day of semester. VA defines full-time as the student is actively in 12 or more credits at all times throughout the semester. Students should contact Veteran Services (B-103) to discuss how these classes will affect their payments.

Repeating a passed course may reduce VA payments.

(Note: need to check transcripts for transfer credit, e.g., PED credits: acquired by submitting DD214 documents to Admissions.)

Taking **online** will affect VA payments for some students. Students should contact Veteran Services (B-103) to discuss how these classes will affect their payments.

Hybrid training can be certified as residential training if it meets this criterion. Hybrid training must have at least one session that meets the definition of a standard class session (i.e. one 50-minute class) but it does not have to meet weekly.

Students must bring a copy of their schedule to B-103 to be sure their enrollment is correctly reported to VA.

Maintaining Benefits

Attendance and satisfactory progress are required to maintain VA benefits.

Non-attendance and non-punitive grades (W, X) will create a debt to VA

that must be repaid.

Students who drop/add/withdraw must notify Veteran Services (B-103) and discuss how this may affect their benefits.

Please refer any veterans' benefit recipients with questions to meet with Veteran Services staff in Veteran Services B-103.

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