



POST 9/11 GI BILL® (CHAPTER 33) VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFITS STUDENT INFORMATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Post 9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. Please visit the Department of Veterans Affairs website <https://www.vets.gov> for more information on eligibility requirements for the Post 9/11 GI Bill. Different benefit programs can function in various capacities and may vary based on the individual's contractual agreements with the Military Department. Length of active/reserve service, stipulations of individual military service contracts and character of service discharges are but a few of the conditions that may affect the rate of payment and requirements. The OSU Veteran Benefits Services office is available to assist with questions and processing of your individual education benefits package.

Changes in Enrollment/Drops/Adds, or Withdrawal from University

After enrollment information has been submitted, any increase or decrease in credit hours must be reported to the VA. These changes may result in a change of benefit amount received and possible overpayment debts incurred by the student. It is the student's responsibility to immediately notify the OSU VA office of any changes in enrollment. Should overpayments occur due to a change in student's initial class schedule, the student is responsible to make repayment arrangements with the Bursar's Office. If mitigating circumstances exist, a student must correspond directly with the VA for individual review. Only the VA can rule that mitigating circumstances exist to set aside or lessen overpayment debts.

*Veteran education beneficiaries are required to have all previous credit evaluated including military training. To establish military credit, students must submit a copy of their JST (Joint Services Transcript) and/or a DSST transcript to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions for evaluation.

Enrollment Requirements

Enrolled courses must be degree applicable to qualify for receipt of benefits. Changes in your class schedule may result in overpayments to the Veterans Administration and subsequent debts to OSU. The Basic Housing Allowance (BAH) may also be affected by reducing credit hours and result in an overpayment directly to the VA. Your enrollment status must remain above 51% to qualify for BAH benefits. Contacting the university Veterans Benefits Services representative BEFORE making changes to your enrollment schedule will be critical in avoiding overpayment situations.

Non-Standard Academic Terms and mode of course instruction

VA pays education benefits for the actual enrollment dates of the term.

- * The VA pays for the number of degree applicable credit hours taken within a defined period of enrollment.
- * Intersession and non-standard term enrollments will be certified for payment according to the actual published dates of those particular classes.
- * Enrollment in courses with a mode of instructional delivery as online/web or hybrid MAY affect the amount of housing allowance received, as they are considered distance learning by the VA. Students only enrolled in distance learning courses will be eligible for an MHA equal to the 50% rate. Enrollment in BOTH distance and resident credit courses will allow MHA payments at the resident rate.
- * Hybrid courses by VA regulations, will be reviewed/certified separately to determine if they can be considered as resident or distance-learning mode of delivery.
- * Repeat Courses - VA WILL NOT PAY for repeat courses that were successfully completed and letter grade received - regardless of when the course was completed or who paid for the course.
 - Letter grades of A, B, C, or D are considered successful for VA purposes. The only exception is when a higher grade is required to meet the degree requirement.

Certification of Benefits

After the restrictive drop/add period of each semester, enrollment and benefits certification information will be submitted on behalf of the student to the Veterans Administration by the OSU Veteran Benefits Services office. Benefits will be released to you after the VA has processed your benefits certification (approximately 30-60 days). It is advisable to make any changes to your class schedule BEFORE submitting your Veterans Advisory Form to the OSU Veteran Benefits Service office to lessen possible overpayments and delay of future receipt of benefits.

Benefit Payment

Tuition and fee benefits (including Yellow Ribbon Program benefits) will be directly credited to the student's OSU bursar account each semester. Other Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits, such as the monthly housing allowance, books and supplies stipend, etc. will be issued by the VA directly to the student after the VA has processed their benefits certification.

Overpayments

Students are responsible for all overpayments of VA benefits. Additionally, you will be responsible for payment to OSU for any outstanding charges on your bursar account not paid by the VA. If an overpayment for tuition and fees is created with the Veterans Administration (VA), the debt will be transferred to the institution and repayments are to be made directly to the Bursar's Office. Any available repayment options/questions should be directed to the Bursar's Office. Repayment of housing allowance debts are to be made directly to the VA.

Student's Responsibility

I understand that as a Chapter 33 benefit recipient, it is in my best interest to monitor the Department of Veteran Affairs website (<https://www.vets.gov>) for any changes that may affect my individual receipt of Post 9/11 (Chapter 33) GI Bill® benefits. The OSU Veteran Benefits Services office will also monitor any changes that may occur regarding the implementation of this program and will notify me via my OSU email account of changes that could affect Chapter 33 benefit recipients. If any enrollment changes are made after submission of enrollment information I must notify OSU's Veteran Services office immediately - preferably before any course changes are made.

Additional benefits for those who qualify under the Chapter 33 - Post 9/11 GI Bill®

Yellow Ribbon Program

Chapter 33 recipients whose residency classification status is considered out-of-state by the University and who are certified at the 100% benefit level are encouraged to apply for additional tuition and fee benefits offered through the VA's Yellow Ribbon Program. This program is designed to cover the gap in tuition that are unmet by their VA Chapter 33 tuition and fee benefits. Recipients will receive an OSU tuition waiver of 50% of the unmet non-resident tuition charges. The VA matches OSU's Yellow Ribbon tuition waiver. Yellow Ribbon Program recipients must maintain continuous enrollment with the university and maintain good academic standing to remain eligible for the scholarship.

"I certify I have read and understand the above information."

Print Name (last, first, middle)

Student Signature

Student ID

Date

OSU VA staff initials

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

*38 CFR 21.4253(d)(3) – Federal Law

Oklahoma State Senate Bill 1863 (Post-Military Service Occupation, Education and Credentialing Act) – Oklahoma State Law