

GI BILL BROCHURE

APPLICATION PROCESS

All GI Bill matters are handled by the Student Veteran Services office located at 21 N. Park St., room 7207. Veterans applying for GI Bill for the first time will need a certified copy of their DD214 (report of separation). Reservists and Guard members will need a DD form 2384 (Notice of Basic Eligibility) which is issued by their units.

You may sign up for GI Bill any time after you register for classes.

ADVANCE PAYMENT

If you are not currently on GI Bill, you may choose to receive up to two months of “advance pay,” which will be waiting for you at the Bursar’s office when classes begin. To receive advance pay, you must apply between 5 and 15 weeks before classes begin.

If you receive an advance payment in September, your second check will not arrive until December.

DROPPING CREDITS

If you are considering dropping credits, see Linda Struck at Student Veteran Services before you officially make the drop.

VERIFY ENROLLMENT

For some forms of the GI Bill, you must verify your enrollment each month to receive payment. To verify enrollment, you can call 1-877-823-2378, or visit <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/>. If you use the website, you will have the option of receiving emails that remind you to verify your enrollment.



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CONTINUOUS PAYMENT

Unless you request otherwise, the VA will automatically continue your GI Bill during the Dec-Jan break period. Likewise, if you attend summer school, you will be paid for the entire summer including break periods.

If, for some unusual reason, you do NOT want continuous payment for one or more break periods, contact Student Veteran Services.

PARTIAL PAYMENTS

There are two common circumstances when you will receive less than a full month’s check:

- 1) **Attending less than a full month.** For example, the school year officially starts early September. If your first payment arrives in October, it will be prorated to not include those first few days of September.
- 2) **Attending less than full time.** For most undergrads 12 credits or more is considered full time during a regular semester. If you carry 9, 10, or 11 credits, you will receive 3/4 of your regular pay. If you carry 6, 7, or 8 credits, you will only get 1/2 of the regular amount.

When you receive less than full GI Bill, your 36 month entitlement will be reduced proportionately. For example, if you receive half your regular check, you will lose only half a month of entitlement.

REGULAR PAYMENT

Most GI Bill recipients have 10 years to use their 36 months of GI Bill entitlement. Each check you receive is payment for the previous month. For example, October’s check is for the attendance during September. All checks will be sent to your address or bank account, with the exception of advance pay which will be sent to the Bursar’s Office which is located in room 7101 of 21 N. Park St.

To set up direct deposit into your bank account, call 1-877-838-2778.

MOVING?

When you change your address you must notify the VA otherwise your checks will be delayed or lost. Call the VA toll-free number at:

1-888 GI BILL1
(1-888-442-4551)

TUTORING

Students receiving any form of GI Bill will be reimbursed up to \$100/mo for the cost of hiring a personal tutor. From time to time everyone has problem areas of study. Whether it is a math class or a foreign language, there is nothing to be embarrassed about. Instead of dropping the class or spending hours of wasted time trying to figure out what is going on, try the VA tutoring program.

The VA tutoring program allows you to choose your own tutor. The advantage of this is that you will be able to pick an individual in whom you have confidence.

The teaching will become a much more personal, one-on-one experience rather than a group effort.

The tutoring must be for a class in which the student is currently enrolled and the tutor must be qualified in that particular subject. Your instructor must sign a form to verify these points.

Between you and your tutor, set the times you want to meet, and the wages the tutor is to receive (a common fee is \$12/hour). Pay the tutor out of your pocket and the VA will reimburse you for up to \$100 per month. Many tutors are more than willing to wait until the reimbursement comes in to be paid, thus reducing the financial strain even more.

Students may collect up to a total of \$600 without affecting their entitlement (\$1200 for dependents).

To apply, stop in at Student Veteran Services before you hire your tutor. They will help you complete the application process and answer any questions you may have.

SUMMER SCHOOL

During the regular 8-week session, the VA considers 6 credits to be a full-time load for undergraduates. If you carry less than 6 credits your benefits will be reduced to the 3/4 or 1/2 time rate. While most students attend the regular 8-week summer session, the UW offers about 50 other sessions, each with its own starting and ending dates. If you will be attending one of these sessions, contact the Student Veteran Services Office to learn how your GI Bill will be affected.



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VETS FOR VETS GUIDE TO

GI BILL

at the UW-Madison

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INTRODUCTION

This brochure covers VA education benefits for students using various types of GI Bill. These are:

- Montgomery GI Bill for veterans (chapter 30)
- Montgomery GI Bill for reservists and National Guard Members (chapter 1606)
- GI Bill for activated reservists and National Guard Members (chapter 1607)
- GI Bill for dependents of disabled or deceased vets (chapter 35)

Vocational Rehabilitation (chapter 31) benefits are very similar but not always identical to those covered here.

VA Death and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) payments to students are not at all like GI Bill and are not covered in this brochure.



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