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Use your M-Card for Direct Access to the SVRC Lounge!

Notify the Student Veterans Resource Center when you have your card, and we’ll set up your Lounge access!
Join the Student Veterans Association!

We need leaders like you!
Volunteer, meet some GREAT people, and have FUN!!

We are in the center of a great community!
SERVICES

• Liaison with student services on campus (CAPS, Disability Support Services, Housing, Recreation Center, and more!)

• Workshops (career preparation, military resume translation, scholarship writing, etc.).

• Referrals to local, state and federal resources.
USING YOUR VA EDUCATION BENEFITS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - FLINT
Let us help you cut through the VA’s “red tape!”
STEP ONE – VA EDUCATION BENEFITS!

Apply for VA Education Benefits – VA Form 22-1990

• Go to https://www.va.gov/.

• Select “Education Benefits.”

• Then select “Application Process.”

• Click the green “ Apply for Benefits” box.

The VA does not automatically know that you are ready to use your benefits. You must submit the application and any supporting documentation (DD-214, etc.).
Veterans’ Education Benefits

- Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)
- Montgomery GI Bill – A.D. (Chapter 30)
- Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)
  - Army National Guard
  - Air National Guard
  - Reserve (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard)
Already used some of your benefits at another school?

Submit VA form 22-1995 – Change of Program/Place of Training

- Go to https://www.va.gov/.
- Select “Education Benefits.”
- Then select “Application Process.”
- Click the white “Manage Benefits” box.
DEPENDENTS
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Are you a spouse (or child aged 18-26) who might qualify for VA education benefits based on the approved service of a veteran or active duty service member? Please call the Student Veterans Resource Center for assistance.
VA Education Dependents’ Benefits

- Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) – Transfer of Entitlement
  - Use VA form 22-1990e (after Dept. of Defense confirms transfer)

- Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (for children and dependents of an active-duty service member who died in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001.
  - Use VA form 22-5490

- Dependent & Survivors Education Assistance (Chapter 35)
  - Use VA form 22-5490

- Already used some of your benefits?
  - Use VA form 22-5495 to transfer them to UM-Flint
THE BASIC PROCESS EACH SEMESTER (ALL BENEFITS)

• Register for classes.
• Submit the Veteran’s Intent Form.
• Monitor your schedule for any changes/cancellations.
• Notify the Certifying Official by email of any schedule/program changes.
Submit the Veteran’s Intent Form in SIS (Student Information System). You will not be certified without an Intent Form:

- Select the Student Services tab.
- Select “Student Records.”
- Then select “Veteran’s Intent Form.”
- Click the drop-down arrow to select the semester.

The Certifying Official will submit your enrollment certification electronically to the VA approximately 30 days in advance of the beginning of the semester, or after receiving your Intent Form.
Veterans Intent Form - Select Term

Choose the semester you would like to fill out a Veterans Intent Form for:

Submit

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Not sure if you submitted your Intent Form? Follow the same steps to check!
PLEASE REMEMBER ....

• A separate Veteran’s Intent Form is required for each semester that you wish to use any VA education benefit.
• The VA will NOT pay for classes that are not required for your program. However, pre-requisite classes will be covered.
• The VA will NOT pay for classes that you re-take if you have already received a passing grade or which have transferred from another institution (including your Joint Services Transcript).
• File the FAFSA every year!

• Apply for scholarships every year! UM-Flint’s scholarship application opens December 1, 2020, for the 2021-22 academic year! [Hint: You have to have a FAFSA on file to apply for UM-Flint scholarships]
Just a few examples of scholarship opportunities!

*Note: Tillman and “Women in Defense” are external scholarships.
COMPONENTS OF THE POST-9/11 GI BILL (FOR VETERANS AND DEPENDENTS USING TRANSFER OF ENTITLEMENT/FRY SCHOLARSHIP)

- Tuition and Fees (paid directly to the University).
- Books/Supplies stipend (paid directly to the student).
- Monthly Housing Allowance (paid directly to the student):
  - Based on E-5 with dependents for the zip code of the physical campus location where you are taking the majority of your in-person classes.
  - Your percentage of eligibility is applied to ALL components. (Ex. If your % of eligibility is 80%, the VA would pay 80% of the books/supplies stipend, 80% of your net tuition and fees, and 80% of the MHA).
POST-9/11 GI BILL – TUITION AND FEES PROCESS

• Your initial enrollment certification will include only your credit hours (on-campus and online) and $0.00 tuition and fees.

• AFTER the first ten business days of the semester, your tuition and fees will be reported to the VA.

• VA pays the tuition and fees directly to the University.
POST-9/11 GI BILL – TUITION AND FEES PROCESS

• IMPORTANT! If you add a class after the first day of the semester, your tuition payment will be pro-rated from the date that the class was added. This also applies if you get into a class for which you are wait-listed.

• If you qualify for financial aid, those funds will be released to you after the VA tuition payment is applied to your account. Plan accordingly!
POST-9/11 GI BILL – TUITION AND FEES PROCESS

• It can take at least a couple of weeks for the tuition payments to arrive from the VA. Please plan accordingly!

• Schedule changes will delay payment.

• A late fee is automatically applied to accounts with an outstanding balance at 5pm on the payment due date. If you have 100% eligibility, you can disregard the late fee.
POST-9/11 GI BILL – TUITION AND FEES PROCESS

** EXTREMELY IMPORTANT **

If your percentage of eligibility is less than 100%, you are responsible for covering your portion of tuition and fees by the payment due date each semester in order to avoid a late fee.

Ex: If you have 60% eligibility, the remaining 40% must be paid to the University by the payment due date (financial aid, out-of-pocket, payment plan).
The Post-9/11 GI Bill Pays Net Costs Only

• The VA is the LAST payer after ANY scholarships, grants or other funding that is specifically intended to defray tuition and fees.
  – Military Federal Tuition Assistance
  – Michigan National Guard Tuition Assistance Program (MINGSTAP)
  – Employer tuition reimbursement funds (paid directly to the University by the employer).
The Post-9/11 GI Bill Pays Net Costs Only

• Title IV financial aid funds (Ex. Pell Grant, loans) and scholarships or grants that offset general education expenses do not affect the Post-9/11 GI Bill tuition payments.

• Read the “fine print” in the guidelines for any scholarship or grant applications in case they are limited to ONLY paying toward tuition and fees.
BOOKS & SUPPLIES STIPEND

• Maximum of 24 credit hours or $1,000 per year, and renews each Fall.
  – Ex: If you take 12 credit hours in Fall and 12 in Winter, you do not receive a book stipend for Spring or Summer.

• The stipend is sent directly to the direct deposit account that you provided to the VA when you applied or submitted a 22-1995 form.
BOOKS & SUPPLIES STIPEND

• The amount you receive is based on your percentage of eligibility and the number of credit hours.
  – 100% = $41.67 per credit hour.

• The VA will attempt to pay book stipends a week or two before the semester begins. Do not wait for it to arrive before you purchase your books.
MONTHLY HOUSING ALLOWANCE (MHA)

• You must be enrolled more than half-time to qualify for any MHA.

• MHA is calculated based on your enrollment status, your percentage of eligibility, the zip code where you are taking the majority of your classes, and the number of days in the month that you are enrolled.
MONTHLY HOUSING ALLOWANCE (MHA)

- The stipend is sent directly to your direct deposit account at the end of each month in which you are enrolled.

**Those currently on active duty, or a spouse of a service member on active duty, cannot receive the VA’s MHA. Child dependents can receive the MHA**
MONTHLY HOUSING ALLOWANCE (MHA)

• Effective Fall 2019:
  – MHA will be based on the campus where you *physically* attend the majority of your classes.
  – In most cases, this will be the Flint campus - 48502.
  – Other approved extension sites are St. Clair Community College, Lansing Community College, and Mott Community College.
MONTHLY HOUSING ALLOWANCE (MHA)

• You must be enrolled in at least one on-campus course to qualify for the standard MHA rate.

• Pay attention to start and end dates of each course when you register for each semester (particularly Spring and Summer)! Overlaps can affect your MHA amount.
MONTHLY HOUSING ALLOWANCE (MHA)

- Your MHA will be lower if all of your classes are online/distance.

  - Current MHA online rate is approx. $890/month (based on 100% entitlement, full month of enrollment, and full-time enrollment status)
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION & EMPLOYMENT (VOC. REHAB.) -- CHAPTER 31

https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation/programs/
VOC. REHAB. – CH. 31 – QUICK FACTS

• It’s an employment program, not an education program.
• 20% + disability rating from the VA, or 10% with a serious barrier to employment.
• Apply through e-Benefits – VA Form 28-1900.
• Handled through Detroit Regional Office, not through the Regional Processing Office in St. Louis.
VOC. REHAB. – CH. 31 – QUICK FACTS

• If eligible, veteran is assigned to a Voc. Rehab. counselor.

• Tuition and fees are billed directly to the VA by the Cashier’s Office.

• Student uses a book voucher each semester to get required books/supplies at Barnes & Noble College Bookstore.

• Monthly housing stipend: either the Voc. Rehab. stipend (based on # of dependents) or Post-9/11 GI Bill stipend, if eligible.
ALL BENEFITS ...
SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

• You must maintain a 2.0 or higher GPA.
• The VA will only pay for courses that are required for graduation. The VA will not pay for “free electives.” If you change a class, verify that you need it before you make the change!
DOPS, ADDS, WITHDRAWALS ...

• Instructors must drop you from their classes if you do not attend within the first 10 days of the semester.

• “Attendance” in an online course involves participation in a discussion board, submission of an assignment, or taking a quiz. Just viewing the course in Blackboard does not count!
MORE RULES ...

• The VA will never pay for a non-punitive grade (N, W, F, or an Incomplete grade that converts to a non-punitive grade).

• Pay attention to course grading scales when you register for classes!
UNEXPECTED DEPLOYMENT?

If you are unexpectedly deployed during a semester, the University will not hold you responsible. Contact the SVRC and provide a copy of your orders.

This does NOT apply to Annual Training or drill weekends since you are provided with your training/drill dates in advance.
MISCELLANEOUS INFO ...

• The VA will not provide the SVRC with any information pertaining to MHA or books/supplies stipends. You must contact the VA directly if you have questions about these payments.

  1-888-442-4551
The Final Goal ...

It may seem a long way off, but don’t forget what you have earned, and what awaits you at the end of your final semester!
Thank You For Your Service!

Now it is our turn to serve you!