Veterans Education Benefits

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The Office of Veterans Education Benefits, a unit within the Office of the Registrar, assists eligible student veterans, reservists, and dependents utilize educational benefits in compliance with the procedures and regulations of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The office provides basic information about educational benefits administered by the VA and those provided by Oregon state laws.

Eligible students should contact the office by telephone or e-mail after being admitted to the university.

Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014
Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2016
Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2018
Isakson and Roe Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020
Colonel John M. McHugh Tuition Fairness for Survivors Act of 2021

The following individuals shall be charged the in-state rate for tuition and fees purposes:

- A veteran using educational assistance under either Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill®—Active Duty Program) or Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill®), of Title 38, United States Code, who lives in the state of Oregon while attending the University of Oregon (regardless of his or her formal state of residence).
- Anyone using transferred post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits (38 U.S.C. § 3319) who lives in the state of Oregon while attending the University of Oregon (regardless of his or her formal state of residence).
- Anyone using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship [38 U.S.C. § 3311(b)(9)] who lives in the state of Oregon while attending the University of Oregon (regardless of his or her formal state of residence).
- Anyone using educational assistance under Chapter 31, Veteran Readiness and Employment, who lives in the state of Oregon while attending the University of Oregon (regardless of his or her formal state of residence).
- Anyone using educational assistance under Chapter 35, Dependents Educational Assistance, who lives in the state of Oregon while attending the University of Oregon (regardless of his or her formal state of residence).
- Anyone described above while he or she remains continuously enrolled (other than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, semesters, or terms) at the University of Oregon.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the US Department of Veterans Affairs. More information about education benefits offered by the department is available at the official US government website (https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/).

Veteran and Dependent Priority Registration

Students who are active members of the military, veterans with an honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions, or dependents receiving Veterans educational benefits are offered priority registration. Students must self-report to the Office of the Registrar to obtain priority registration.

Students who are eligible for priority registration are able to register before other students in their category as shown below. Priority is given to graduate students, then to undergraduates. Seniors register before juniors, juniors before sophomores, and so forth, based on number of credits accumulated.

1. Graduate and postbaccalaureate students
2. Seniors with 135 or more credits
3. Juniors with 90 or more credits
4. Sophomores with 45 or more credits
5. Freshman students with fewer than 45 credits

Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018

The following policy (38 U.S.C., section 3679) applies to any covered individual, who is any individual entitled to educational assistance under Chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, or Chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits:

1. Any covered individual is permitted to attend or participate in the course of education during the period beginning on the date on which the individual provides to the University of Oregon a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under Chapter 31 or 33 (a “certificate of eligibility” can also include a “Statement of Benefits” obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs website or a VAF 28-1905 form for Chapter 31 authorization purposes) and ending on the earlier of the following dates: (a) the date on which payment from the VA is made to the institution or (b) the date that is 90 days after the date the institution certified tuition and fees following the receipt of the certificate of eligibility.
2. The University of Oregon will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or the requirement that a covered individual borrow additional funds, on any covered individual because of the individual’s inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed disbursement funding from the VA under Chapter 31 or 33.
3. The University of Oregon requires the covered individual to take the following additional actions:
   a. Submit a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance no later than the first day of a course of education
   b. Submit a written request to use such entitlement every quarter/semester
   c. Provide additional information, if requested, necessary to the proper certification of enrollment by the educational institution
   d. Make a payment for the amount that is the difference between the amount of the student’s financial obligation and the amount of the VA education benefit disbursement and understand that late fees may apply to these charges