

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY

VA Benefits Fast Facts

If you qualify for the Veterans Administration (VA) Educational Assistance Programs listed below, you may use those benefits towards your Golden Gate University (GGU) tuition. Please follow these instructions to ensure the prompt and accurate processing of your benefits:

- **Chapter 30: Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty**
- **Chapter 32: Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)**
- **Chapter 35: Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance Program**
- **Chapter 1606: Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve**

1. Apply to the VA for your educational benefits and be approved.
2. Apply for admission into a GGU degree or certificate program.
3. Send a copy of your *VA Certificate of Eligibility* to GGU's VA Official.
4. Register and pay for your entire tuition.
5. Approximately three weeks after the beginning of the term, GGU's VA Official reports to VA the number of units you are registered for and the dates of the term. This establishes your status classification which the VA uses to determine your award.

BEFORE switching from any Chapter into Chapter 33, please consult with the VA at www.gibill.va.gov or call 1- 888-442-4551 to see which Chapter is most beneficial to your situation.

	Less Than Half-Time 16 week/ 8 week	Half-Time 16 week/ 8 week	Three-Quarter-Time 16 week/ 8 week	Full-Time 16 week/ 8 week
Undergraduate	5 or less / 3 or less	6 – 8 / 4	9 – 11 / 5 – 6	12 or more / 7 or more
Graduate	3 or less / 2 or less	4 / 3 – 4	5 – 7 / 5	8 or more / 6 or more
Doctoral	2 or less / N/A	3 / N/A	4 – 6 / N/A	7 or more / N/A
Law	3 or less / N/A	4 – 5 / N/A	6 – 7 / N/A	8 or more / N/A
Law Summer	2 or less / N/A	3 / N/A	4 – 5 / N/A	6 or more / N/A

Classes are certified independently by the number of units and duration of the class.

6. Verify your enrollment each month to the VA online at www.gibill.va.gov/wave/default.cfm or by calling 877-823-2378 .
7. The VA will reimburse you monthly.
8. Notify GGU's VA Official at once if you add or drop classes.

For the amount of Educational benefits paid please go on line www.gibill.va.gov click on Benefits Home and then click on Education.

• **Tuition Assistance**

1. When you register:
 - ⊕ select GGU's Corporate Billing option
 - ⊕ submit a completed Tuition Assistance Form to the Office of Student Accounting Services
 - ⊕ pay the balance of any costs that will not be covered by Tuition Assistance
2. GGU will bill the VA directly for the amount your TA covers.
3. At the end of the term, obtain a *Grade and Tuition Verification Form* from the Office of Records & Registration or online and request that your grades be mailed to the VA.

• **Chapter 31 : VA Vocational Rehabilitation Program**

1. Every term before you register, you must discuss your educational plans with your Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, who will submit an *Authorization and Certification of Entrance or Reentrance into Rehabilitation and Certification of Status Form* to GGU's VA Official.
2. Register and notify GGU's VA Official immediately afterwards; also notify the official if you later add or drop any classes. It is not necessary for you to submit any payment.
3. Contact the bookstore for a book cost estimate and submit this estimate to a GGU cashier to receive a voucher. Use this voucher to purchase your books.
4. GGU's VA Official will certify your enrollment to your counselor, provided the counselor has submitted the above form.
5. The VA pays GGU.

- **Chapter 33: Post 9/11 Tuition/Fees & Yellow Ribbon Program**

1. Effective August 1, 2009 – Post 9/11 eligible Veteran students attending an accredited California college or university may receive up to \$287 per unit for tuition. The \$287 per unit is 100% of the tuition benefit. Students must submit a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to the Golden Gate University Financial Aid Office.
2. Yellow Ribbon Program (YRP), Effective August 1, 2009 - Golden Gate University has elected to participate in this program. Golden Gate University will award a grant up to \$6586.42 or 50% (whichever is less) of the tuition balance. The VA will match up to \$6586.42 or 50% (whichever is less) of the tuition. A student may have 100% of tuition covered between the Post 9/11 and the YRP. Students must submit a COE which clearly states eligibility for the Yellow Ribbon Program to the Golden Gate University Financial Aid Office.
3. Both Post 9/11 Tuition/Fees & the Yellow Ribbon Program benefits may be applied to ALL Golden Gate University programs and certificates including EMBA (Executive Masters of Business Administration) and the Law School programs.
4. Veterans who are eligible for Post 9/11 Tuition/Fees are not automatically eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program. **Please check with www.gibill.va.gov or call 1-888-442-4551 for eligibility information on Chapter 33.**
5. If you do not have a COE (Certificate of Eligibility), you will be required to pay tuition out of pocket by check or credit card, or pay a \$55 non-refundable set up fee to enroll in TMS (Tuition Management Systems) monthly billing for tuition or apply for and accept enough financial aid to cover the tuition/fees costs. When you submit a COE to the GGU Financial Aid Office, you may receive up to 100% of payments already made on trimester tuition & fees depending on the information in your COE. This process may take up to 30 business days or more depending on the processing time at the VA Offices.

Further information on using your benefits at GGU can be obtained by contacting GGU's VA Official located in the University Financial Aid Office. Complete details about eligibility qualifications and payment rates are available from the US Veterans Affairs Education Service online at www.gibill.va.gov or by phone at 888-442-4551
One year of active military training may qualify for 12 undergraduate units of academic transfer credit at GGU. For more information, please contact the GGU Office of Admissions and Student Affairs.

IMPORTANT GGU CONTACT INFORMATION

Mailing Address:

Golden Gate University
536 Mission St.
San Francisco, CA 94105

VA Benefits Information and Enrollment Certification:

Steve Donnelly/GGU's VA Official
University Financial Aid Office
(located at 40 Jessie St
Directly behind the 536 Mission St. building)
Phone: 415-442-7283
Fax: 415-442-7819
sdonnelly@ggu.edu

Tuition Assistance and Book Vouchers:

Vilma Kinghorne/Student Accounting Services
Phone: 415-442-7839
Fax: 415-442-7819
sas@ggu.edu

Grade Reports:

Office of Records and Registration
Phone: 415-442-7200
Fax: 415-442-7223
records@ggu.edu

Book Cost Estimates:

GGU Bookstore
40 Jessie Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-2703
Phone: 415-442-7277
or 888-826-6572
Fax: 415-281-3969
ggu@bkstr.com

Military Training Academic Transfer Credit:

Office of Admissions and Student Affairs
Phone: 415-442-7800
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