



# American University Veteran Services

## *News You can Use*

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**#1 REMINDER!** Remember to submit your [Request for Certification](#) to the American University Veteran Services Office. **Make sure to check your eligibility for VA education benefits prior to registering for classes.** For more information about your benefit payment amount and T&F rates, visit the [Veterans Services AU Knowledge Base](#). For updated **GI Bill and Yellow Ribbon Match rates for the 2021-22 Academic Year**, visit our info-article about the [Yellow Ribbon Program](#). To check if you are eligible to receive Yellow Ribbon, complete this [preapplication questionnaire](#).

**#2 Tuition & Fees Update:** [The tuition and fees for the 2021-2022 Academic Year](#) will return to the standard rate.

**#3 Update to the "[Rounding-out](#)" rule!!!** Beginning on Aug. 1, 2021, students can "round out" in their last term only if they are taking classes that are approved for their program of education.

**#4 [Waive your health insurance fee](#),** if you are already covered under a **Health Insurance plan** and are **attending AU full-time**. The deadline to submit a Fall waiver request is **September 17, 2021**

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# GETTING READY FOR THE FALL SEMESTER



## FALL 2021 CHECKLIST FOR NEW STUDENTS

### APPLY FOR BENEFITS

**STEP 1:** Complete a [VA Benefits application](#) to use your VA Education Benefits.

**STEP 2:** Send a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility or a snapshot of your VA Education benefits summary from [va.gov](mailto:va.gov) to [veterans@american.edu](mailto:veterans@american.edu)

**STEP 3:** Meet with your academic advisor to create an academic plan

### CERTIFY BENEFITS

**STEP 4:** Register for classes! This step must be completed before submitting your Request for Certification

**STEP 5:** Complete a [Request for Certification form](#). This serves as your request to use VA Education Benefits for the upcoming semester.

**STEP 6:** If applicable, complete a [Yellow Ribbon Application](#)

### LAST, BUT NOT LEAST!

**STEP 7:** Review your bill at [Eagle Service](#) and note what portion of your bill will not be covered by VA Education Benefits.

**STEP 8:** [Waive your health insurance](#) if you are already covered under a Health Insurance plan (VA or Disability health coverage) and are attending AU full-time.

**STEP 9:** Set up your [direct deposit account](#) so you can receive all portions of your VA Education benefits

## Veteran Services Fall 2021 Orientation

Now available on YouTube!

Did you miss orientation? Don't worry! You can still watch the Veteran Services orientation on YouTube! You'll learn how to apply your VA Education benefits towards your courses as well as the many resources available to military-connected students at AU.



## AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IS A MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL

Great news! American University ranked #2 on the Best Online Military Friendly Colleges of 2021.



## What Programs Are Not Covered by My VA Education Benefits?

Contributed by Dymeah Casey

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) helps you pay for school or job training. If you've served on active duty after September 10, 2001, you may qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33). While the GI Bill covers up to the full cost of tuition for [undergraduate and graduate degrees](#), [correspondence training](#), and [distance learning](#) at Institutes of Higher Learning (IHL), there are various specific IHL programs that are not approved for VA Education Benefits. Before using your VA Education benefits at American University, check the list below to verify that your program of study does not fall under the category of "currently in review" or "not covered". Keep in mind that this is not a permanent list of unapproved/pending approval programs. Every year, the VA reevaluates which programs are or are not



covered under VA benefits. Still have questions? Check out the knowledge article titled "[Is my Graduate Certificate Approved for VA Benefits?](#)" for more information about programs that are approved for VA Benefits. You can also reference the [WEAMS LIST](#) to review all of the programs that are currently approved by our State Approving Agency and the VA. NOTICE: All courses not taken at American University's main campus located in Washington, D.C. excluding online courses, are currently under review for VA approval. If you are planning to enroll in a program that is taught at an American University subsidiary site (including Study Abroad) please confirm with the Veteran Services office before enrolling in that program.

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#### LIST OF PROGRAMS NOT COVERED BY VA EDUCATION BENEFITS

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**1. All Non-credit programs including but not limited to:**

Executive Coaching

Cybersecurity Professional

**2. All undergraduate certificates with the exception of:**

Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Cert

**3. All professional development certificates**

**4. Dual degree Engineering Program**

**5. LLM Legislation (Washington College of Law)**

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#### LIST OF PROGRAMS CURRENTLY IN REVIEW FOR VA APPROVAL

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**1. The Following Bachelor of Arts Programs:**

Chinese Studies; Liberal Studies;

**2. The Following Masters Programs:**

Neuroscience (MS); Sociology, Research, and Practice (MA); Teaching (MAT) [Urban Teachers]

**3. International Affairs Policy Analysis (MA) and Business Administration (Dual Degree)**

**4. The Following Graduate Certificate Programs:**

Cyber Policy & Management; Marketing Analytics; European Studies ; Social Innovation for Global Impact; Training Design and Facilitation

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# CALENDAR & SPOTLIGHT



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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29	30	31				

## DON'T MISS THESE IMPORTANT DEADLINES!



### DEADLINE

- **Payment due for Fall classes:** Don't panic! If you submitted your Request for Certification, your VA benefits are pending approval and will be dispersed in a timely manner.
- **WCL classes begin**
- **Last day to register for Fall without a late fee**
- **Fall classes begin!**

### DATE

**August 1, 2021**

**August 23, 2021**

**August 27, 2021**

**August 30, 2021**

## AU VETERANS SPOTLIGHT

### CALVIN HANEY

Associate Director,  
Student Engagement Office of Campus Life

As a new member of the Student Engagement team for the Office of Campus Life, Calvin's responsibilities include: Supporting cross campus partnerships related to retention, first generation student support, support for Veteran and Military Affiliated student needs. Calvin brings a wealth of cross campus experience and student relationship experiences with the AU Vets student organization and Veteran's Liaison Network which will strengthen the programming and outreach of for our student engagement community. He is available for connections and messages [calvinh@american.edu](mailto:calvinh@american.edu).

We wish all of our new & returning students a happy start to the 2021-22 Academic Year!