

## Standards of Satisfactory Progress

Students receiving GI Bill® benefits are required to maintain *satisfactory academic progress* toward a degree. For regular terms, undergraduates must complete a minimum of 12 full-semester credits and graduate students 9 full-semester credits in order to collect full-time GI Bill® benefits. Post 9/11 Chapter 33 students must be greater than half time to be eligible for any housing allowance.

Post 9/11 Chapter 33 distance students who are full time are eligible for 50% of national average housing allowance. Active duty personnel and spouses using Post 9/11 Chapter 33 are not entitled to housing allowance. All classes listed on this form *must count towards graduation*. Please note that courses with irregular term dates (dates different from those of the regular 16-week term) are reported separately from full-term courses; consequently, students may be eligible for full benefits for only part of the semester if not registered for full-time credits throughout the full 16 weeks. Post 9/11 Chapter 33 students may be eligible for the housing allowance for only part of the semester if not registered for enough credits throughout the semester. Contact our office with any questions and for how the VA computes training times for the Summer Sessions.

The Veterans Educational Benefits Office is required to work with instructors to monitor attendance and/or participation. When a cessation of attendance/participation is identified, it is required to be processed as a withdrawal so that monetary adjustment can be made, if necessary. An overpayment from VA may result, for which the student will be held responsible.

The following ***do not*** count toward payment of veterans educational benefits:

- 1) Courses with failing grades from non-attendance, non-punitive grades: withdrawal ("W") (see below for further explanation).
- 2) Audited courses.
- 3) Credits received by examination (i.e. Math or Composition Placement or by Challenge).
- 4) Courses for which you have already been granted credit (see below for further explanation).
- 5) Courses not needed for your degree program (i.e. *excessive* numbers of elective credits).

Any reduction in credits for Post 9/11 students (or F's and/or U's from non-attendance) are reported as withdrawals. For all other chapters: withdrawals (or F's and/or U's from non-attendance) that result in a *change in training time* are reported as withdrawals. If you receive any "reportable" W's, F's, or U's for any term, if and when notified by the VA of an overpayment, it is advisable that you complete and submit the provided VA form 22-4138 *Statement in Support of Claim* describing any mitigating circumstances. If this form is not received and approved by the VA, the reduction could be effective from the beginning of the semester, which may result in a substantial overpayment. Overpayments are generally withheld from future payments unless other arrangements are made with the VA. If a payment schedule is arranged and payments are made as agreed, the VA will generally continue making benefit payments.

Post 9/11 Chapter 33 students with ***any*** course drops or withdrawals will likely create an overpayment with VA.

You may *not* include in your total credits for the semester any course being repeated for a better grade, unless a written departmental policy has a specific grade requirement for the course. VA will pay for the first repeat of a course *that has to be repeated to graduate*.

Incomplete grades: You should *not* register again for a course for which you have received an "I," but you should follow the arrangements you made with the instructor in order to convert the "I" to a grade after the requirements are completed. The course will always remain associated with the original term.

A student *dismissed* from the University will be reported as "unsatisfactory progress" status. GI Bill® benefits cannot be reinstated to students enrolled in either resident instruction (GUEST registration) or continuing education courses until CSU determines that the status of unsatisfactory progress has been cleared, and the student is then *readmitted* to Colorado State University as a degree-seeking student.

As an enrolled student at Colorado State University, you are responsible for paying your University bill according to the established due date. There is no provision in the policy governing students' use of GI Bill® benefits. Therefore, failure of the VA to pay your benefit to you in time to meet the University payment due date does not cancel your financial responsibility to the University. You are also responsible to Colorado State University and/or the VA for any overpayment or underpayment of benefits resulting from a withdrawal from the University or from earning failing and/or non-punitive grade(s) that result(s) in a change in training time.

A copy of this form is available for your records upon request. For further information, contact the Veterans Educational Benefits Office, Registrar's Office, Centennial Hall, 970 491-6340.

**INFORMATION FOR THOSE RECEIVING BENEFITS UNDER CHAPTER 33 POST 9/11 GI BILL®**

- Housing Allowance:** The Chapter 33 housing allowance is not payable if you are active duty or if the VA determines that your Rate of Pursuit is less than 51%. Rate of Pursuits between 51% and 99% are prorated by the VA. Undergraduate students' Rate of Pursuit is based on 12 credits for classes that span the full fall/spring semester. For graduate students, Rate of Pursuit is based on 9 graduate credits for classes that span the full fall/spring semester. The VA pays a *maximum* of 50% of the housing allowance national average for students who are only enrolled in online or distance courses.
- The housing allowance is paid directly to you monthly for the previous month and, except for distance students, is based on the Colorado State University, Fort Collins zip code of 80523—not on your home zip code. VA housing allowance rate is the DoD rate for BAH E5 with dependents and is **unrelated** to CSU's room/board/meal plan charges. When DoD rate increases in January, VA starts paying increase that fall.
- For students living on campus: **CSU room and board and meal plan charges are due on the statement due date and are *not* paid to CSU by the VA.**
- Student Verification of Enrollment:** Starting December 17, 2021, Chapter 33 students must verify their enrollment status each month to continue to receive their monthly housing allowance (MHA) and/or kicker payments. If a beneficiary fails to verify for two consecutive months, VA will withhold any additional MHA payments until verified by the student. The requirement for the student to verify their enrollment status means **VA cannot accept statements from the school to verify the enrollment**, as the current process for monthly certification for other education benefits allows. Enroll in text verifications by calling 1-888-442-4551, option 0.
- Book Stipend:** The VA pays a book stipend directly to you at the beginning of each term, and the amounts is based on your benefit percentage and the number of credit hours you are taking. It is paid on a per-credit basis; \$41.67 per credit at the 100% level, until the \$1,000 (or applicable percentage thereof) annual maximum is reached. <https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/institution/11011006>
- Tuition and Fees:** Under Chapter 33, the VA pays Resident tuition and fees based on your Chapter 33 percentage rating. This only applies to courses that meet degree requirements for your education program on file with the Veterans Educational Benefits Office. The percentage the VA pays is determined by the VA based on qualifying active duty service based on the service member's qualifying active duty service **after** September 10, 2001, and the character of discharge. The percentage of entitlement level that VA determines can be from 40% to 100%.
- In-State Tuition:** If you are classified as a Non-resident, you may be eligible for in-state tuition based on Section 702 of the Choice Act. Contact [GI\\_Bill@colostate.edu](mailto:GI_Bill@colostate.edu) for more information.
- Yellow Ribbon Program:** If you are an undergraduate, not eligible for In-State Tuition, not an active duty service member, and entitled to the Post 9/11 GI Bill® at the 100% level, you may be entitled to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program wherein, between the contribution of Colorado State University and a matching amount from VA, all tuition and mandatory fees will be covered for courses required by your program of study on file. VA determines whether students are eligible for Yellow Ribbon. By participating in the Yellow Ribbon Program, I understand I will not be eligible for any State of Colorado aid and that any institutional scholarships might be affected.
- Drops/Withdrawals:** If you withdraw from or stop attending courses, you will be required to pay back the tuition and fees represented. DO NOT withdraw from any class or classes without talking to someone at the Registrar's Veterans Educational Benefits Office regarding the amount you will have to pay back to the VA. You should be aware that, should the VA not remit to CSU as expected, the payment of all Colorado State University charges is ultimately YOUR responsibility. You will **not** be allowed to register for or attend any further terms or obtain official transcripts until all your financial obligations to the college for the current term are met to the satisfaction of current applicable laws.
- Refunds** Please bring any questionable refunds you receive from CSU to the attention of Veterans Educational Benefits office staff.

**By signing below, I understand my reporting and payment responsibilities under Chapter 33.**

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 Chapter 33 Student sign here

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 CSUID number

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 Print Name

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 Date