

# OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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The Office for Veteran Affairs provides services to meet the special needs of veterans, service members, dependents, and survivors in order to ease their transition to college life and fulfill their educational goals.

The office is located in the Academic Services Center, Ill Student Services Drive, Suite 1345 on the main campus. Students who wish to use veterans' education benefits must contact the office of Veterans Affairs, (251) 460-6230.

## Tuition Rates for Veterans and Certain Military-Affiliated Students

The following individuals shall be charged a rate of tuition not to exceed the in-state rate for tuition and fees purposes:

- A student using educational assistance under either chapter 30 (Montgomery G.I. Bill -Active Duty Program), chapter 33 (Post-9/11 G.I. Bill), or chapter 35 (Dependents Educational Assistance), of title 38, United States Code, who lives in Alabama while attending a school located in Alabama (regardless of his/her formal State of residence).
- Anyone using transferred Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits (38 U.S.C. § 3319) who lives in Alabama while attending a school located in Alabama (regardless of his/her formal State of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the transferor's discharge or release from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.
- Anyone described above while he or she remains continuously enrolled (other than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, semesters, or terms) at the same school. The person so described must have enrolled in the school prior to the expiration of the three year period following discharge or release as described above and must be using educational benefits under either chapter 30 or chapter 33, of title 38, United States Code.
- Anyone using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (38 U.S.C. § 331 I(b)(9)) who lives in Alabama while attending a school located in Alabama (regardless of his/her formal State of residence).
- Anyone using transferred Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits (38 U.S.C. § 3319) who lives in Alabama while attending a school located in Alabama (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and the transferor is a member of the uniformed service who is serving on active duty.
- Anyone using educational assistance under chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation/Employment (VR&E), also be charged the resident rate. Effective for courses and terms beginning after March 1, 2019, a public institution of higher learning must charge the resident rate to chapter 31 participants, as well as the other categories of individuals described above. When an institution charges these individuals more than the rate for resident students, VA is required to disapprove programs of education sponsored by VA. Refer to 38 U.S. Code 3679.

## Veterans Benefits Transition

Students utilizing VA education benefits shall not be charged a penalty, including assessment of late fees, denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or be required to borrow additional funds because of the individual's inability to meet their financial obligations

due to the delayed disbursement of a payment to be provided by the Department of Veterans. Refer to PL 115-407 Sec. 103.

## Complaint Policy for Students Receiving VA Education Benefits

Individuals who wish to submit a complaint can do so on their own behalf, on behalf of someone else, or anonymously, by visiting the GI Bill Feedback System at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/Feedback.asp>