

VA POLICIES AND YOU

Any remedial Math course cannot be paid if taken ONLINE - must be taken in a classroom.

1. “U” Grades – The VA will not credit a course toward your enrollment status if the final grade is a “U”. This can lead to an overpayment situation at the end of a semester.
2. “I” Grades – If an “I” grade is not made up within one year, the VA will deduct those credits from your enrollment status for that term and an overpayment may be a result.
3. Dropping a Course – If you drop a course during the semester, the VA may consider the drop retroactive to the start of the semester/course. If this changes your enrollment status, an overpayment may occur. However, the VA will allow a student to drop up to a maximum of six credits **one time** without having an overpayment occur. Your flight fees will be pro-rated if you drop a course.
4. **Part-Time Courses – The VA will count part-time courses towards your enrollment status only while that course is in session.**
5. Audited Courses – You **CANNOT** be certified for an audited course.
6. If you receive a failing grade, as long as you attended all semester, this will not cause an overpayment. You can retake it one time to pass it. Once you repeat a course, if you fail it the second time, then the second grade is the only grade that counts and you will have an overpayment for the first grade you received.
7. Repeating a Course – VA will pay one time to retake a course if you did not receive a passing grade the first time. If “D” is passing, VA can’t pay.
8. Enroll anytime - 9 month courses will be certified on start date and ending 9 months from date started. If you finish earlier the end date can be adjusted with the VA.
9. Unsatisfactory Progress – You must maintain satisfactory progress in order to continue using your benefits. If the university suspends your academic status, your benefits will also be suspended. Upon reinstatement by the university, your benefits will be reinstated.
10. Undecided Majors – If your major is undecided, you will be placed in the General Studies degree plan. The VA office will allow you to change your major as long as you are actively pursuing a degree.
11. Work-Study – Students under all chapters are eligible to apply for VA work-study positions. You must be enrolled at least $\frac{3}{4}$ time and drawing your benefits.
12. Less Than Half Time – Veterans and service persons training at less than half-time will be paid only tuition and fees for the entire term. BAH is not paid if you are at HALF TIME or less. Only books and tuition & fees are covered.
13. Miscellaneous – Classes with hours by arrangement, internships, etc. may all require additional information from your department before we can complete the certification process.
14. **Class Attendance – Attendance is mandatory. If you fail a class and your professor provides proof that you didn’t show up for class, you will be required to pay your benefits back for that class or through the last date attended.**
15. **Exams can be paid by GI Bill, but for each exam reimbursed, you will use up one month of GI Bill.**

This was designed to briefly cover some of the common VA policies that affect students. Anytime you have a question, please contact your school certifying official.

VONAPP

1. Go to the online application or VONAPP: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>
2. To become certified for benefits contact your school certifying official
3. To check the status of your application you can call 1-888-442-4551
4. For on the job or apprenticeship program approval contact your SAA
5. Certificate or non-credits courses contact your SAA

<http://www.nd.gov/veterans/benefits/state-approving-agency>

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

If you receive a 10 percent or higher disability rating from the VA you can apply for VA Vocational Rehabilitation and here is the link with information on how to apply:

<http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre>

VETERANS EDUCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

Here is the link to the Veterans Educational Training Program for refresher courses that are free to all veterans. You are eligible for the program even if you are not a student at UND. The courses and tutoring can be started anytime. The office is located at the University of North Dakota on second floor of Memorial Union. James Becks is the Site Coordinator. They also have free online tutoring available.

<http://www.ndsu.edu/trio/vet/>