

VETERAN & MILITARY Student Services



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Veteran & Military Student Services

Benefit Types

VA Benefits

- Chapter 33- Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Chapter 1606- Montgomery GI Bill Selective Reserve
- Chapter 31- Veteran Readiness and Employment
- Chapter 35- Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance
- Chapter 30 - Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty

Other Benefit Types

- Title 29 Dependents' Educational Assistance
- National Guard Tuition Exemption
- Military Tuition Assistance
- Patriot Scholarship
- Act 224



GI Bill Benefits

1. Apply for GI Bill benefits on the VA website: **VA.gov**
2. Obtain your Certificate of Eligibility (COE)
3. Submit COE to UL Lafayette Veteran & Military Student Services after registering for classes



Title 29 - Dependents' Educational Assistance

State Issued Benefits for Dependents



1. Contact your parish VA Office for initial review.
2. Once approved, you'll receive a certificate in the mail.
3. Submit a copy of the original certificate to UL Lafayette Veteran & Military Student Services.
 - Ensure official seal is visible



*Must be a full-time student

*Student is responsible for remaining fees

Louisiana National Guard Tuition Exemption

1. Obtain approval from Mr. Leonard Acker
 - 504-278-8273 or 504-224-0076
 - leonard.c.acker.civ@army.mil
2. Obtain Tuition Exemption Form from
UL Lafayette Veteran & Military Student
Services OR Student Cashier Center

*Must show Drivers License or State ID

*Student is responsible for fees not covered
by exemption



Receiving VA Benefits

University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Office of Veteran and Military Student Services
Enrollment Certification Form
Email form to Veterans@louisiana.edu

Semester/Year _____
☐ ** FIRST TIME USING GI BILL AT THIS SCHOOL? ** You will need to turn in your Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

Part 1: Student Information
Last Name, First Name: Middle Initial _____ University ID (C00123456) **C**
Current Mailing Address, City, State, Zip Code (for VA Education notices) _____
Personal Email Address (Other than school email for VA Education) _____ Phone (Include area code) _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Academic Level: ☐ Undergraduate ☐ Graduate Major (Include minor/concentration if applicable) _____

Part 2: Benefit Program
☐ Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty ☐ Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve
☐ Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment ***COUNSELOR'S EMAIL: _____@va.gov
☐ Chapter 35 Dependents Educational Assistance *VA File Number (new students only): _____
Check here if you also receive the State Title 29 Tuition Exemption: ☐ Qualifying Veteran's Name: _____
☐ Chapter 33 Post-9/11 GI Bill ***What is your percentage of eligibility? _____% ***Check if benefits were transferred from a parent or spouse: ☐
**Other tuition payments you receive: ☐ Financial Aid ☐ National Guard Exempt ☐ Military TA ☐ Grad. Assistant ☐ Other Tuition Discount/Exemption/School

Part 3: Enrollment Certification
List registered courses to submit to VA for certification. Use check boxes to indicate short course (A or B term), online, or a repeated course. Short courses are those that only meet half of the semester (3 or 4 weeks). These courses may affect your VA monthly payment rate.
Only courses that are required for your degree will be submitted to VA; will be verified via Degree Works and/or Advisor

Course (i.e. ENGL 101)	Credits	Short (A/B term)	Online	Repeat	Course	Credits	Short (A/B term)	Online	Repeat
		A__ B__	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			A__ B__	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		A__ B__	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			A__ B__	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		A__ B__	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			A__ B__	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		A__ B__	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			A__ B__	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 4:
Carefully read and initial to confirm agreement:
____ I am registered for the courses listed above and all courses satisfy my degree requirements and have been approved by my advisor.
____ I am required to attend and complete all registered courses in order to receive VA benefits.
____ Any changes in my enrollment (course drops, official & unofficial withdrawals) will be reported to VA and could affect my payments.
____ I am responsible for all debts owed to UL and/or VA resulting from any change to my enrollment.
____ I authorize UL Lafayette to certify my enrollment for the above semester(s) and release information to VA concerning my academic status.

X _____ Date: _____
Student Signature

OFFICE USE ONLY
CH. 33 LIST: ☐ Yes ☐ N/A EMAIL LIST: ☐ VA EM ☐ Cert. Hours: _____ NOTES: _____
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- **Enrollment Certification Form** will be emailed to you every semester
- Return completed form to:
 - veterans@louisiana.edu **OR**
 - Agnes Edwards Hall, room M-160
- Be sure to fill out the form completely
 - Chapter 35 - include file number and Veteran parent's name
 - Chapter 33 - include percentage
 - List any A and B term classes
 - Don't forget to sign!

Patriot Act & Act 224

Patriot Act

- Same eligibility as STEP
- Covers remaining mandatory fees
- Does not cover graduate school tuition

Act 224

- Post 9/11 at 90% or below
- Submit a Rating Decision Letter to UL Lafayette Veteran & Military Student Services
- Will post after the 14th day of class



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Important Information



- Contact VA directly if you have payment questions
 - VA Education Office: 1-888-442-4551
 - Set up an e-benefits account to manage benefits
 - Set up Direct Deposit
- Students receiving Chapters 33 and 1606 must verify attendance at the end of each month
- Notify us if your major, schedule, or contact information change
- Check your school email often
- You cannot receive benefits for:
 - Courses not in your degree plan
 - Previously earned credit
 - Courses you withdraw from
 - Audited courses or courses you do not complete

Veteran & Military Student Services

Events and Services

We assist and advocate for veteran and military-connected students by collaborating with offices and services both on and off campus.

- Graduation Cording Ceremony
- Beginning and end of semester celebrations
- Veterans Week activities
- September 11 Alumni Memorial Service
- Campus and community networking for job placement and health resources
- Family events with Student Veteran Organization
- Ragin' Cajun Athletic events



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES VETERANS



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Student Support Services Veterans

About SSS-V

We provide opportunities for academic development, assist veteran students with basic college requirements, and serve to motivate veteran students toward successful completion of their postsecondary education.

Our goal is to increase the academic standing, college retention, and graduation rates of our participants and to help students make the transition from one level of higher education to the next.

Services

- Tutoring and computer lab
- Academic and career counseling
- Grant aid for eligible participants
- Reading, writing, and research workshops
- Financial aid and literacy workshops
- Math workshops
- Study skills classes

Student Support Services - Veterans Participant Eligibility

Program Services Requirements

- Must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a program of postsecondary education at UL Lafayette.
- Low-income, first-generation college students and students with disabilities evidencing academic need are eligible to participate in SSS-V projects.
- Must have 180 active duty days completed.
- Two-thirds of the participants in any SSS program must be either disabled or potential first-generation college students from low-income families.

Grant Aid Requirements

- Must be an active participant in the SSS-V program.
- Must be in your first two years of postsecondary education.
- Must be receiving Federal Pell Grants.
- Grant aid may be offered to students who have completed their first two years of postsecondary education if the institution demonstrates that participants are at high risk of dropping out and have first met the needs of all eligible first and second-year students.

Student Support Services - Veterans Contact Information

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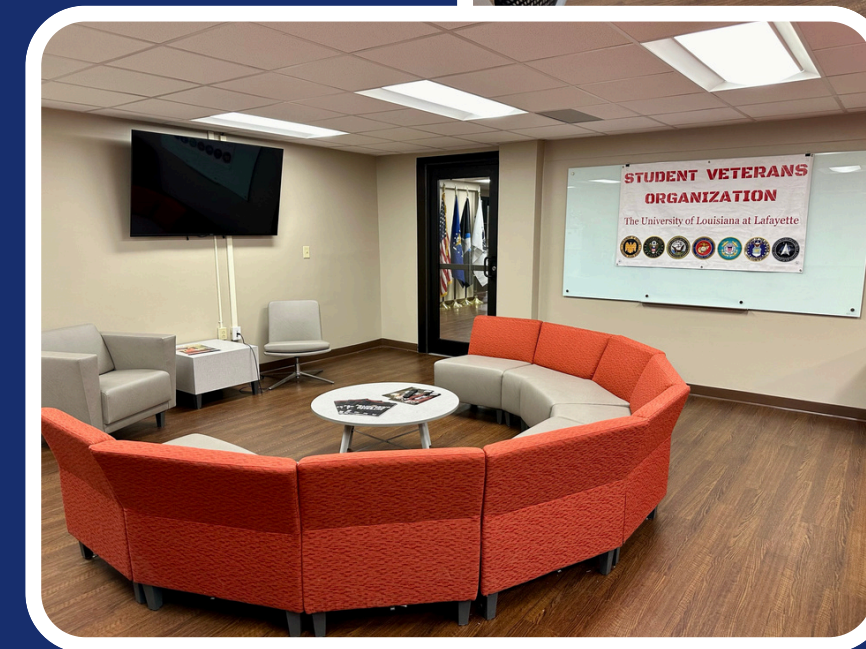
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STUDENT VETERANS ORGANIZATION



Veteran & Military Student Services Vet Center Now Open!



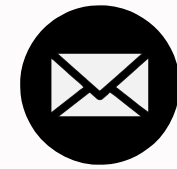
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