

## Veterans Education Benefits Information

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### VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFITS INFORMATION

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To receive Veterans Education Benefits you must:

- Apply, be admitted to, and enroll at the University
- Apply to Veterans Affairs (VA) for benefits
- Notify the VA Certifying Official

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### ADMISSION

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1. Complete an on-line application by logging onto [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu) and submit required documents to the Admissions and Recruitment office.
2. Select a program of study (a requirement for VA benefits).
3. Contact Admissions and Recruitment for specific application documents required for admission decision (i.e., test scores, official transcripts).
4. Submit transcripts from the Army/American Council in Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS) or Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcripts (SMARTS) for evaluation.
5. Submit a copy of DD-214 for possible course credit and additional benefits.
6. Submit necessary enrollment documents upon gaining admittance to the University.

Please note: Credit is granted for accredited, baccalaureate-level course work only. For additional information regarding the admission process, please contact Admissions and Recruitment at:

(805) 437-8520 or [www.csuci.edu/admissions/](http://www.csuci.edu/admissions/)

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### REGISTRATION

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1. Only students who have been admitted may enroll.
2. Academic advisors will assist in planning your class schedule. Please visit the Advising Center in the Bell Tower or call (805) 437-8571 to schedule an appointment.
3. Notify the CSU Channel Islands Certifying Official that you have registered for classes.
4. Notify the CSU Channel Islands Certifying Official if you have a change in status such as dropping a course, withdrawing from a course, or changing your program of study.

Please note: Only courses within the student's program of study are eligible to count toward veterans benefits.

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## PROGRAM SELECTION

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1. Veterans receiving VA benefits may select any program leading to a degree offered at California State University Channel Islands upon approval from Veterans Affairs. Veterans cannot receive benefits concurrently under two programs. If the veteran decides to major in two programs at the same time, only one will be certified.
2. Veterans may change a program of study and continue to receive benefits if the new program is approved by the VA. You must notify the CSU Channel Islands Certifying Official if you are planning to change your program of study.

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## APPLY FOR VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFITS

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**Only VA can determine eligibility.** Please visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

The following must be submitted for the certification process. It is the veteran's responsibility to assemble all required documents and submit them to the CSU Channel Islands Certifying Official.

### **Applicants Under Chapters 30, 33 & 35**

1. New applicants complete VA Form 22-1990 or 22-5490 and submit online at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov). Please submit a copy of your application to the CSU Channel Islands Certifying Official.
2. Transfer students must complete VA Form 22-1995 or 22-5495 and submit a copy to the CSU Channel Islands Certifying Official.
3. Submit copies of DD214 - Report of Separation, if applicable.

### **Applicants Under Chapter 31**

1. New applicants complete the Disabled Veterans Application for Vocational Rehabilitation, VA Form 28-1900, and submit online at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).
2. Your Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist will require an enrollment certification before classes begin.

### **Applicants Under Chapter 1606 (Reserves)**

1. New applicants complete VA Form 22-1900.
2. Transfer students complete VA Form 22-1995.
3. Submit copy of DD2384 - Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE)

For more information please visit [www.csuci.edu/veterans](http://www.csuci.edu/veterans) or [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

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## PAYMENT

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The first check should arrive SIX (6) TO EIGHT (8) WEEKS after the first day of class or later if the veteran should apply for certification after classes begin.

Information about qualifying pay rates and payment dates for Chapters 30, 31, 33, 35, and 1606 is available only through direct contact between the student and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Go to: [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) or call 1-888-442-4551.

Status	Fall Spring	and Summer
Full-time	12 hours	6 hours
¾-time	9 hours	5 hours
½-time	6 hours	3 hours

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## CERTIFICATION USING VETERANS STANDARDS OF PROGRESS

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Veterans Affairs will not pay or will reduce pay of education benefits if one of the following should occur:

1. Student registers for classes that are not specified as necessary for the declared program of study. Depending on circumstances, deficiency or remedial courses may be certified for benefits.
2. Student fails to attend class for the semester for which VA benefits are received.
3. Student receives non-punitive grades at the end of the term, reducing training time.
4. **Student remains in a probationary status for more than two consecutive terms or is academically disqualified.**

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## ACADEMIC PROBATION AT CSU CHANNEL ISLANDS

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An undergraduate student is subject to academic probation if at any time the cumulative grade point average (GPA) in all college work attempted or the cumulative GPA at CSU Channel Islands falls below 2.0. Students shall be removed from academic probation once they have received advising and both the cumulative GPA in all college work attempted and the cumulative GPA in all CSU Channel Islands work are at least 2.0 or higher.

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## ACADEMIC DISQUALIFICATION AT CSU CHANNEL ISLANDS

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An undergraduate student on academic probation will be academically disqualified when the student's GPA in all units attempted or in all units attempted at CSU Channel Islands falls below the following:

Freshman:	1.50
Sophomore:	1.70
Junior:	1.85
Senior:	1.95

In order to be considered for reinstatement to CSU Channel Islands, a disqualified student must demonstrate academic ability by completing additional coursework. For more information, please see the California State University Channel Islands Catalog or visit [www.csuci.edu](http://www.csuci.edu).

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## QUALIFYING FOR ELIGIBILITY

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If you have questions concerning your benefits as a veteran, your child's and/or spouse's eligibility, contact the Department of Veterans Affairs directly at:

[www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)

or call the VA Education phone number:

1-888-442-4551

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## ENTITLEMENT TO BENEFITS

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This school certifies your enrollment status, programs and academic progress.

All questions concerning payment are to be referred to the Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-888-442-4551 or by sending an electronic inquiry at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

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## OTHER BENEFITS

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The California College Fee Waiver program benefits the spouse and children of U.S. Veterans. Students meeting the eligibility criteria may get state university fees waived. To obtain applications or information and to apply for benefits under this program, contact your local County Veterans Service Office or visit [www.cacvso.org](http://www.cacvso.org).

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## PERSONAL COUNSELING SERVICES

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The CSU Channel Islands Student Health and Counseling Center provides free counseling services to veterans who have been diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and/or have anxiety that may have been brought on by serving in the military. For appointments, please call (805) 437-8828.

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## ADDITIONAL CSU CHANNEL ISLANDS CAMPUS RESOURCES

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Academic Advising	(805) 437-8571
Admissions Counseling	(805) 437-8520
Career Development Services	(805) 437-3270
Disability Resource Programs	(805) 437-3331
Financial Aid	(805) 437-8530