

## Veterans Benefits

St. Andrews is approved for study using the US Department of Veterans Affairs benefits. All students receiving these benefits must comply with certain academic standards to receive educational benefits. Eligible veterans can apply to the Department of Veterans Affairs for educational benefits after they have been accepted for admission. Veteran benefit applications are available online at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

Veterans and others who are eligible may apply for and receive benefits under several programs:

- Chapter 30 –The Montgomery G.I. Bill
- Chapter 31 - Veterans with service-connected illness or injuries
- Chapter 32 - Veterans Educational Assistance Program
- Chapter 33 - The Post-9/11 GI Bill Yellow Ribbon Program
- Chapter 35 - Dependents and survivors of veterans with 100 percent service-connected disabilities or of service members who lost their life on active duty
- Chapter 1606 – Educational assistance for members of the Selected Reserve
- Chapter 1607- Educational benefits for certain individuals activated after September 11, 2001

If you receive veterans benefits you must notify the veteran's coordinator in the Registrar's Office when you register for courses each semester. The coordinator will certify your enrollment status with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Veterans benefit recipients must notify the veterans coordinator of any change in name, address, enrollment status, schedule, type of class, eligibility changes, etc. Any change in enrollment status will affect the amount of monthly benefits. A change may cause an overpayment that will have to be repaid to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

### Attendance for Veterans

In accordance with Department of Veterans Affairs regulations, class attendance is monitored for students receiving veterans benefits. Each student is responsible for the attendance policy for each course, as listed on the syllabus. If academic progress is unsatisfactory because of excessive absences as determined by the instructor, a veteran may be required to repay some or all of the benefits received.

### Academic Progress for Veterans

Veterans are eligible for payments only for credit hours that are required for their program of study. Federal regulations state that veterans benefits cannot be paid for a course from which the student withdraws. Students may be required to return money paid for these courses except for the first instance of withdrawal from a course or courses totaling not more than 6 semester hours or in cases of mitigating circumstances (defined as unanticipated and unavoidable events beyond the student's control, such as deployment, illness or accident). Students receiving veterans benefits are responsible for notifying the veterans coordinator of any mitigating circumstances so the information can be reported to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

### Vocational Rehabilitation

Students with qualifying physical, emotional, or other disability may be eligible for services of their home state Vocational Rehabilitation. Services include vocational counseling and guidance, training (with payment of costs such as books, fees, etc.) and job placement. Under certain circumstances students may also qualify for help with medical needs, living expenses, and transportation.