

Guide for Military Affiliated and Veteran Students

Supporting the Transition to Campus Life

About us

The University of Iowa Military and Veteran Student Services Office provides numerous support services to students currently serving in the United States Armed Forces, Reservists, Guardsmen/women, veterans, and their families. All programs and services offered at Iowa are run for and by those who have served and continue to do so.

- Transition support for those at all stages of military service
- Mentoring
- Academic coaching
- Career exploration and counseling
- Opportunities to connect with faculty and staff
- Referrals to both on- and off-campus resources
- Job placement assistance and post-graduate support

University of Iowa Veterans Association

The UIVA serves and connects students that share the common bond of military service. The UIVA proudly supports our troops and pledges to offer them opportunities while on campus and after graduation.

To learn more, visit veterans.org.uiowa.edu or connect with the UIVA on Facebook.

How to apply

1. **Apply!**—Learn about admissions requirements and apply online at admissions.uiowa.edu.
2. **Submit your military transcripts**—Your military experience may be worth college credit. You can find links to official military transcripts for all services at admissions.uiowa.edu/undergraduate-programs/credit-military-service. Have transcripts mailed by your military service directly to the Admissions Office at 108 Calvin Hall, Iowa City, IA 52242.
3. **Complete the FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)—Visit fafsa.ed.gov to apply. For more information on financial aid, go to financialaid.uiowa.edu.
4. **Apply for education benefits**—Please come to the Veterans Services Office at 201D Communications Center and let us help you determine which type of education benefit is right for you. There are several varieties of GI Bill benefits. Your usage of one may take away eligibility for other programs. Apply for your federal GI Bill education benefits online at vets.gov.ed/education/apply.

Once you complete your application, the VA will issue you a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) that shows the educational benefits you are entitled to. You will need to bring this into the Veterans Services Office. Transfer students and returning students need only notify the Veterans Services Center to reenroll in benefits.

5. **Submit information**—To complete the application process, submit a certified copy of your form DD-214, the Veterans Worksheet, and COE to the Veterans Services Office at 201D Communications Center. A COE is not required to start the process, but will be needed before benefits can be issued. The Veterans Worksheet can be found at registrar.uiowa.edu/gi-bill.

You will receive your first benefit check approximately six weeks after the first day of class. You must resubmit the worksheet before every school year in order to continue receiving your GI Bill benefits.

6. **Submit the UI Verification Form (IVF)**—IVF forms can be submitted to the Office of Financial Aid. Within four weeks of your FAFSA submission, the Office of Financial Aid will send you a postcard telling you to print your UI Verification Form (IVF) from MyUI. Be sure to note loss of employment due to separation from military service. This will affect the amount of your financial aid.
7. **Register for medical benefits**—Iowa City has its own VA Medical Center. OIF/OEF veterans are eligible for enhanced enrollment health benefits for five years after their most recent discharge from active duty. Apply online at ebenefits.va.gov.
8. **Apply for disability compensation and benefits**—Apply to get disability compensation and benefits, if applicable. Apply online at ebenefits.va.gov. It is recommended that veterans obtain assistance with their application from a Veterans Service Organization (VSO).
9. **Student Disability Services**—Record your disability with the University of Iowa for accommodations and support. Call 319-335-1465 or visit sds.studentlife.uiowa.edu.
10. **Apply for other scholarship and grant opportunities**—Information can be found at financialaid.uiowa.edu.

Continued on other side



- 11. Find housing**—Information on finding housing both on campus and off in the Iowa City/Coralville area is available at housing.uiowa.edu.
- 12. Get a job**—Find information on employment opportunities at careers.uiowa.edu/hireahawk.
- 13. Unemployment benefits**—Recently discharged veterans are eligible for up to 39 weeks of unemployment insurance. For more information, go to iowaworkforce.org.
- 14. Questions for the VA**—If you have questions for the VA regarding GI Bill education benefits, go to gibill.va.gov and click on the “Submit a Question” button.
- 15. Additional credit**—Additional credit hours (up to 6) can be awarded for service by Army/Air Force ROTC, by appointment.
Army: 319-335-9187/9192
Air Force: 319-335-9222.
- 16. Arrange direct deposit for your benefits**—Call 877-838-2778 and provide your financial institution’s routing number, your account number, and the type of account (checking or savings).

All GI Bill processing for Iowa colleges and universities is done by:

VA Regional Office
PO Box 66830
St. Louis, MO 63166-6830
888-442-4551

Montgomery GI Bill mandatory verification

All students eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty or Selected Reserve benefits must now verify their enrollments monthly to receive payments. This verification can be done either by using the Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE), which can be found at gibill.va.gov/wave or by using the automated telephone system (IVR) at 877-823-2378 and following the prompts.

To verify your remaining Montgomery GI Bill benefits, call 888-442-4551.

Quick contacts

University of Iowa GI Bill Services Office

Room 201D Communications Center
116 S Clinton St.
Iowa City, IA 52242
Phone: 319-335-0226, 319-335-3895, or 319-335-0231
Fax: 319-335-3761
Email: registrar-vets-office@uiowa.edu
Web: registrar.uiowa.edu/gi-bill

University of Iowa Veterans Association

Email: veterans-association@uiowa.edu

Montgomery GI Bill monthly verification (WAVE)

Phone: 877-823-2378
Web: gibill.va.gov/wave

VA Medical Center

601 Highway 6 West
Iowa City, IA 52246
Phone: 319-338-0581

Des Moines Regional VA Office

210 Walnut St.
Des Moines, IA 50309
Phone: 800-827-1000

Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs

7105 NW 70th Avenue, Camp Dodge Bldg. A6A
Johnston, IA 50131-1824
Web: va.iowa.gov

Johnson County Veterans Affairs

855 S Dubuque St.
Iowa City, IA 52240
Phone: 319-356-6049
Web: johnson-county.com/dept_vets.aspx?id=115

Military and Veteran Student Services

111 Communications Center
Phone: 319-384-2626
UIMVSS@uiowa.edu
Monday–Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

