

# Using the Montgomery GI Bill<sup>®</sup> at Harding University

School Year: 2021-2022

The Montgomery GI Bill<sup>®</sup> is not the only educational benefit available to soldiers for use at Harding University (or many other schools). Please check the GI Bill<sup>®</sup> website for more information.

All information listed below is relevant to the Montgomery GI Bill<sup>®</sup>.

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## Types of Montgomery GI Bill<sup>®</sup>:

- Ch. 30: Montgomery GI Bill<sup>®</sup> Active Duty (MGIB-AD)
- Ch. 1606: Montgomery GI Bill<sup>®</sup> Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

## How do I know if I have any benefits available?

- Go to <https://www.vets.gov/> and apply for benefits or you can apply through your eBenefits account. It will be helpful to have your DD214 (discharge papers) with you while you fill out your application. It will probably take 20-30 minutes to complete this application and 4-6 weeks to find out the results. The VA will be able to provide a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) once your application for benefits has been approved.

## Does Harding give tuition discounts for Active Duty or Veteran Soldiers?

- Harding does not currently provide any tuition discounts for military affiliated students.

## How much money will I receive per semester?

*Both programs require students to contact the Education Call Center (1-888-442-4551) after the first of the month to verify attendance for the previous month in order for the VA to release funds.*

Students must be certified as a full time student to receive their full monthly stipend. Generally, this means at least 12 hours at the undergraduate level and 9 hours at the graduate level. If you are less than full time, the VA will prorate your payment based on the number of hours for which you have been certified. If you are taking hours that are not satisfying a graduation or university requirement, those hours will not count towards your full time hours for the VA. This results in your payments being paid out at a less than full time rate.

- MGIB-AD: \$1,789+ per month.
  - This amount can vary based on what your contract stipulates (Ex: You may have a kicker listed as part of your contract).
  - This amount is based on months you are enrolled for the entire month. When enrolled for partial months (Ex. August/December, January/May), you will be paid based on the number of days you're enrolled for that month.
- MGIB-SR: \$368+ per month
  - This amount can vary based on what your contract stipulates (Ex: You may have a kicker listed as part of your contract).

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### Will I receive any other military education funding while using one of the MGIBs?

You might qualify for Tuition assistance (TA).

- Tuition Assistance: As of May 5, 2021, students utilizing the Ch. 1606 VA benefits can use those benefits on the same courses as courses approved for TA.
  - For questions about TA, please contact your local Education Center (Arkansas students: Army Education Center at Camp Robinson).

### Is my major approved for VA benefits?

- Most are approved. Please check with the SCO to ensure eligibility.
- Undergraduate students may be listed as an "Undeclared/Exploratory Studies" major for your first two years, but then must declare a major for the VA to continue to pay. The VA will only pay for Liberal Arts requirements.
- The VA will only pay for courses that are required for your major. For most majors, elective hours will be satisfied by your remaining bible requirements.
- Minors can only be certified if your major requires a minor.

### How do I begin using my benefits at Harding?

- Contact the School Certifying Official
  - They will want a copy of your COE.
- Fill out the VA Certification Form on your Pipeline account. **You will do this each semester you have benefits available to you.** You will have a registration hold placed on your account that will prevent you from registering for the upcoming semester.
  - Go to your Student bar
  - Click on Registrar Forms
  - Click on VA Certification Form
  - Fill the form out and click on Submit. Your form will then be emailed to the School Certifying Official

### Can I use my benefits at more than one school?

Possibly

- **Transfer Students:** If you have used any of your benefits at another institution, you must fill out VA Form 22-1995 to "Request For a Change of Program or Place of Training" to let the VA know your primary school will now be Harding. Once that approval goes through, the VA should send you a new Certificate of Eligibility that the SCO will need a copy of.
- **Concurrent Enrollment:** All concurrent enrollment must first be approved by the Registrar's Office. If the Registrar's Office approves the transfer, the SCO will then check to see if the requested classes meet a

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graduation requirement. If they do, that SCO will contact the other school to let them know they can certify those transfer hours with the VA.

### Will I receive transfer credit for my time in service?

Probably.

- When you provide a copy of your military transcript (Joint Services Transcript, Community College of the Air Force, etc), we should be able to grant you credit for:
  - KINS 1010: Wellness
  - KINS 1330: Recreational Activities
  - Other transfer hours will based on what you did while in service and how it relates to your major(s) and/or minor.
    - Please contact the VA SCO for how to obtain credit for ROTC.
- Harding will not transfer hours for the sake of transferring hours. However, if there are hours that can be used to satisfy a graduation requirement, we will transfer those hours over to your Harding transcript.
  - These hours will not help or hurt your GPA, but you will receive hours towards graduation.

### Does Harding have a Veteran's group on campus?

- Yes. The Harding University Veteran's Association (HUVA) is active every semester and represents all branches of service. You can find them on Facebook or contact the SCO for more information.

For more information, please visit <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/> or contact the SCO.

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