Your eligibility for VA benefits depends on the following terms and conditions:

- I understand changes in the number of hours of enrollment will be reported to the VA and may affect my eligibility.
- I understand I must immediately notify OSFA Veterans’ Services by submitting an “Enrollment Change for VA Education Benefits” form of any changes in my status including but not limited to:
  - I have increased or reduced my enrollment since my last VA certification
  - I change my declared major (registered program of study)
  - I decide to receive payments under a different education program
  - I initiate action to withdraw from the University
  - I am called to active duty
  - I have a change in tuition and/or fee assessment
- I understand I must be admitted to a degree program to receive payment of benefits.
- I understand I should only request certification of those courses that are fulfilling an unmet elective or a core degree requirement.
- I understand the University will not disclose information collected to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations Section 1.526 for routine uses in assisting claims and reporting my status to the VA.
- I understand I must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) (38 U.S.C 3034(a) 3323(a), 3684) to draw federal financial aid. Go to [https://osfa.illinois.edu/process/satisfactory-academic-progress/](https://osfa.illinois.edu/process/satisfactory-academic-progress/) for detailed information. Failure to maintain academic standards of progress as defined by my academic college may result in suspended payment of military education benefits.
- I understand I may use VA education benefits in conjunction with Title IV financial aid by submitting the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)](https://www.fafsa.ed.gov). I should not include VA education benefits when reporting income and resources information on this form.
- VA education benefits are paid in arrears and may require completing monthly Self-Certifications.
- The minimum program enrollment required for receipt of the maximum benefit payment for VA education programs and Social Security benefits is twelve hours continuous enrollment in a semester (six hours in the summer term). The number of hours enrolled determine the level of payment (§ 3-301 Academic Policies and Regulations). The number of hours required for receipt of maximum benefit for programs with terms of other lengths is determined proportionately (students are permitted 9 months to complete course offered through the Office of Continuing Education however the credit hours are used to determine the maximum benefit during one single term).
- In-state assessment of tuition and fees is awarded to students actively drawing a Chapter 30 or Chapter 33 benefit.
- **Irrevocable Benefit Election:** You acknowledge that your election to use Chapter 33 benefits is irrevocable. Contact the Department of Veterans Affairs 1-888-442-4551 or [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill) for additional information.
- **Liability:** During your academic career it may become necessary for you to withdraw due to emergencies. You must complete the Enrollment Change for VA Education Benefits Form and submit a Statement in Support of Claim for adjudication to the Office of Student Financial Aid Veterans’ Services, if extenuating circumstances precluded your withdrawal. You are responsible for the overpayment created if the VA makes a determination that you owe a debt. You must confer with the Department of Veterans Affairs Debt Management Center (800-827-0648) to make repayment arrangements or petition for a waiver.
- **Reversed Transferability:** Students using VA education benefits transferred to them by their sponsor should be aware that sponsors have the right to remove you as a recipient; as a result your benefits may be expunged.