

Post-9/11 “GI Bill 2.0”

The Post-9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2010, aka GI Bill 2.0, was recently signed into law and makes significant changes to the to the military education benefits.

National Guard now eligible

The biggest change to the Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits grants qualified National Guard member’s eligibility to Chapter 33 benefits starting August 2011.

Affects for current students

The main changes that will affect currently enrolled students involve the housing stipend and break pay.

The housing stipend will be prorated based on a student’s enrollment status. For example students enrolled at a 3/4 time status will receive 80% of their full housing stipend.

Housing stipend update

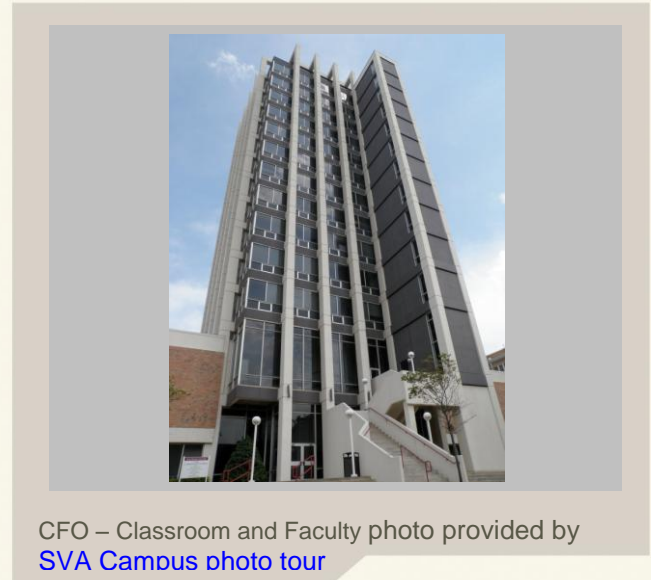
The new GI Bill 2.0 allows online students to receive a portion of their entitled housing stipend. Student enrolled 100% online will receive a housing stipend equal to half of the national average (about \$673). This is a big improvement compared to last semester when no housing stipend was awarded.

Break pay no longer awarded

The other big change is that break pay will no longer be paid after August 01, 2011! Please note that break pay will not be paid under ANY GI Bill benefits.

This will make a huge difference for a lot of students in the month on December. Once the official term ends, the VA will prorate the month of December to actual days of the semester. For example: 2011/Fall will end on 12/16/2011 and this means the VA will only pay 16 days of the housing stipend.

VA Post-9/11 website <http://gibill.va.gov/post-911>



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<http://twuveteranoffice.blogspot.com>

2011/Summer registration

Early registration for GI Bill & Hazlewood recipients will began at 8 a.m. on April 1.

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