

FINANCIAL AID

Veterans Benefits

MIT accepts a variety of Veterans Affairs (VA) Education benefits (<https://sfs.mit.edu/graduate-students/veterans-benefits/veterans-benefits>) to help cover the cost of tuition, fees, and housing. In some cases, students may be eligible for multiple benefits. Benefits are administered much like other external funding sources, such as fellowships or scholarships, and may reduce the amount of any MIT department funding received. MIT's Student Financial Services (SFS) works with student veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs to help students navigate the support they are eligible to receive. SFS also has a dedicated School Certifying Official who can help with the processing and certification of your benefits including:

- Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill®
- Chapter 35 Survivor and Dependent Educational Assistance
- Yellow Ribbon Benefits
- Chapter 31 Veteran Readiness and Employment

Please note that these programs have different packages and eligibility requirements.

Confirming MIT Program Eligibility

Students must confirm the program of interest is approved for the use of VA education benefits. For more information, read these directions (<https://registrar.mit.edu/registration-academics/advising-resources-students/student-veteran-success/va-education-benefits>) on how to view a list of approved programs at MIT.

Certificate programs and professional learning opportunities at MIT that are not part of an undergraduate or graduate requirement are not eligible. The complete list of VA benefits eligible programs at MIT can be found on the VA's WEAMS website (<https://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchInstitutionCriteria.do>).

Confirming Your VA Benefit Eligibility

It is the student's responsibility to verify eligibility for a desired VA benefits program. Each program comes with its own unique requirements, which can significantly impact the MIT experience. These programs should be carefully reviewed, as each have different benefits and eligibility requirements; additionally, students may qualify for more than one program. In some instances, an initial benefits decision may be irrevocable, so it is critical to understand unique eligibility before making a final choice.

Adding or Dropping a Course

Changes to enrollment may impact or delay a student's eligibility. Student Veteran Success (SVS) and SFS should be notified with any change in status as a student (e.g., dropping or adding a course, withdrawing after the beginning of a semester).

Enrollment Verification

Students receiving veterans benefits (<https://sfs.mit.edu/graduate-students/veterans-benefits/veterans-benefits>) must verify their enrollment each term in order to be certified. MIT graduate student veterans who take a minimum of 21 units per term (7 VA credits) are considered to be registered full time. See individual program descriptions for more information on unit requirements.

Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679 subsection (e), the Massachusetts Institute of Technology adopts the following additional provisions for any students using US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Ch. 31) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from the VA.

MIT will not:

- Prevent nor delay the student's enrollment
- Assess a late penalty fee to the student
- Require the student to secure alternative or additional funding
- Deny the student access to any resources available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution, including but not limited to access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities

However, to qualify for the above provision, veteran students may be required to:

- Produce the Certificate of Eligibility by the first day of class
- Provide a written request to be certified
- Provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies

Veteran students are responsible for charges above and beyond those covered by their VA benefits. For detailed information on undergraduate (<https://sfs.mit.edu/undergraduate-students/veterans-benefits>) and graduate (<https://sfs.mit.edu/graduate-students/veterans-benefits>) veterans benefits, visit the SFS website.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA (<https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>) is available at the official US government website.