STUDY ABROAD

Study abroad can be certified if it meets the following criteria:

- For Chapter 33, study abroad must be required for graduation (not an option or elective).
- For the other benefit programs, the courses must count toward graduation.
- Both schools have programs approved for VA benefits.
- The school under which the study abroad program is approved certifies the enrollment.

**Under Chapter 33, VA will pay:**
- Home school’s tuition and fees
- Books and supplies
- Monthly housing allowance based on the home school’s address

VA will not pay:
- Costs related to travel (airfare, lodging & meals)
- Third party charges

Additional information about study abroad can be found on the GI Bill [website](https://www.gi.gov/).

**Other Benefit Programs**
- Benefits are paid on a monthly basis directly to the veteran just like attendance at U.S. schools

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Tuition Assistance (TA) is a Department of Defense (DoD) program. VA does not administer TA. TA rules vary by branch of service and can even vary between units depending on whether the unit is active, reserve, or National Guard.

If a student receives education benefits from VA and receives TA benefits from the military, duplication of benefits may be an issue. The issue might involve VA regulations, DoD regulations, or both since VA and DoD both have regulations about receiving VA benefits and TA at the same time. Potential duplication issues are outlined below.

**Chapter 33 Recipients**

Active duty service-members may receive Chapter 33 benefits for the same courses for which they receive TA from the military. Schools must deduct TA benefits from the net tuition and fees submitted to VA, and Chapter 33 is used to pay toward the remaining out-of-pocket costs. Chapter 33 students receiving TA should be certified the same as other Chapter 33 students.