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Student Insurance Information for Spring 2014

Currently, for the Spring 2014 term, the Post-9/11 GI Bill will cover the cost for student health insurance as part of your mandatory fees. We are working with the VA for guidance on student health insurance for future terms. If you have questions, please contact [Glen](#) or [Marc](#) in the [VEBO office](#).

Tuition Assistance Announcements

Please remember to submit your TA forms to the Veteran's Education Benefits Office. You can drop them off or submit them by [email](#). There have been several changes proposed to the Military Tuition Assistance program, including the recent Army policy that went into effect on January 1. The Army will now only pay for 16 credits hours per year at \$250.00/credit hour through [GoArmyEd.com](#). If you are a CO resident, you can contact the [State TA office](#) to find out what your eligibility is to help cover your costs.

We are monitoring all the proposed changes that are currently out there and will communicate any changes that may affect your ability to use TA at CSU.

NEW! Liniger Honor, Service, & Commitment Scholarship

CSU is proud to announce a new scholarship for veterans: the Liniger Scholarship offers veteran students \$2,500 per semester to help with school expenses.



Full-time undergraduate and graduate students can apply, and the scholarship is renewable in future semesters, provided students maintain a 2.5 GPA. For more information about the scholarship requirements, or for an online application, go to the [Liniger Scholarship](#) page, found on the [Adult Learner and Veteran Services](#) website.

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Financial Aid

Most students can receive financial aid in addition to veterans educational benefits and tuition assistance. We **strongly** encourage you to apply by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Contact [Student Financial Services](#) for more information, and follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



Campus Support Services:

The **Adult Learner & Veteran Services Office** offers resources such as study groups, scholarship applications, employment opportunities, and social events that can help you dive into college life. Drew Walbauer is the new ALVS Veteran's Success Coach. See the [ALVS website](#), or visit Lory Student Center, Room 195.



New Start for Student Veterans helps student veterans and military personnel with challenges in the higher education environment re-learn how to learn. Participating men and women develop compensatory strategies to deal with memory loss and distractibility. This includes help dealing with PTSD symptoms and access to technology that promotes learning and retention. For more information, call (970) 491-5930 or email contactCCP@colostate.edu.

eBenefits

Want to know how much entitlement you have left on your GI Bill? Need to update your Direct Deposit information?

[Sign up for an eBenefits account](#) today! It's an easy way to keep track of your benefits.



Full-Time Status Reminder

Post-9/11 GI Bill students must be more than half-time to receive any housing allowance. If you start the semester at less than full-time and add after the first day, the increase part of your payment will be prorated.

Note: courses with non-standard term dates are reported separately from full-term courses. Taking these courses may mean you are only eligible for full benefits for part of the semester.

Full-time, Fall semester:
12 credits for undergraduates
9 credits for graduate students

Full-time, Summer semester:
3 credits for 4-week classes
6 credits for 8-week classes.

Post-9/11 GI Bill students adding after the term start will have to pay the difference.

VEBO's Veteran Student REMINDERS

Dropping Classes	Post-9/11 GI Bill students who drop courses after the semester has begun will likely owe money to the VA.
Major by Junior Year	The VA requires that all students have declared a major by Junior year. Forms to declare a major can be found in the Registrar's Office .
Change of Major	Make sure to complete both a CSU major change form (available in the Registrar's Office) AND the required VA forms: Worksheet Request for Enrollment Certification , signed by you, and the Prior Credit Memorandum , completed by your new advisor.
University Charges	Failure of the VA to pay you in a timely manner does not eliminate or delay your financial obligations to CSU. Carefully review your billing statement. Failure to pay on the due date will result in a 1.5% late payment charge on the balance due, but it will not cancel your class schedule. You may contact Student Financial Services at (970) 491-6321 with any questions about your bill.
Military Mobilization	If you are reactivated or are a member of the Guard or Select Reserve and are called up to active duty, you must contact the Center for Advising and Student Achievement (CASA) at (970) 491-7095 to withdraw from the University and have your tuition and fee charges canceled.
Address Change	Please update your address in RAMweb AND notify the VA of any changes. At the time of certification, you can update your address with the VA through our Veteran's Benefits office. At other times, call (888) 442-4551, or update online—either through WAVE, if you have access, or through the GI Bill website by logging into your account and updating information.

Legislative Corner

CSU will be participating in the soon-to-launch VA centralized online reporting system, allowing Service Members, Veterans, and their families to provide complaints about educational institutions.

This initiative is part of CSU's and the VA's implementation of Executive Order 13607 "Establishing Principles of Excellence for Educational Institutions Serving Service Members, Veterans, Spouses, and Other Family Members" and is designed to empower students, while holding institutions of higher learning to the highest standards.

The complaint system for GI Bill beneficiaries will launch on the [redesigned GI Bill website](#) within the next month.

VEBO's Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why is my payment from the VA smaller than expected?

A: Payments for partial months of enrollment, such as August, December, January and May, are prorated for the number of days actually enrolled.

Q: BAH rates increased. Why is my housing payment less?

A: Even though the DoD publishes new rates effective January 1, the VA doesn't start paying the increased rate until August. The VA then pays that rate through the following July 31.

Post-9/11 GI Bill Information

Those who apply and are eligible will be issued a Certificate of Eligibility within 60 days, which must be presented to the Registrar's Office.

The VA pays tuition and fees directly to CSU. Included in the fees is the charge for student health insurance. 100% resident tuition and mandatory fees are paid for those who have at least 36 months of qualifying active-duty service, with a pro rata amount for those with less service time.

The VA pays housing and book stipends directly to students. Full-time, non-distance, degree-seeking students will receive a housing allowance (or pro rata share) and \$1,000 per year (or pro rata share) for books and supplies. Full-time, distance, degree-seeking students will receive 50% of national average housing allowance. Payments decrease for students who are not full-time.

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