



EDUCATION AND TRAINING



POST-9/11 GI BILL – STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

TUITION AND FEES, HOUSING, BOOKS AND SUPPLIES PAYMENTS UNDER THE POST-9/11 GI BILL FOR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

The information in this document pertains to students who are enrolled in a U.S. based school (the Home School) and as a part of their degree program take courses in a foreign school (the Host School).

- Students must be enrolled in courses that will apply to their program.
- The programs at the “host” school in the foreign country must be approved.
- VA cannot pay any fees specific to studying abroad unless the student is required to study abroad as part of their program.

IF THE HOME SCHOOL CHARGES STUDENT’S TUITION AND FEES PLUS ADDITIONAL FEES FOR STUDYING ABROAD

- VA could pay the home school’s tuition, up to the public in-state amount allowed and would pay no charges directly to the host school. (Room and board charges cannot be included in tuition costs)
- VA could provide a monthly housing allowance to the student, if the student is enrolled more than ½-time
- VA could provide a books and supplies stipend
- VA could not pay for any fees specifically due to participation in the study abroad program unless study abroad was mandatory for the specific degree.
- For schools that charge a comprehensive fee that includes the home school’s tuition, they would have to break out the fee and report the charged tuition to VA
- VA cannot pay airfare, amenities fees, or host school fees



Disabilities determined by VA to be related to your military service can lead to monthly non-taxable compensation, enrollment in the VA health care system, a 10-point hiring preference for federal employment and other important benefits. Ask your VA representative or Veterans Service Organization representative about Disability Compensation, Pension, Health Care, Caregiver Program, Career Services, Educational Assistance, Home Loan Guaranty, Insurance and/or Dependents and Survivors’ Benefits.



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IF THE HOME SCHOOL CHARGES A FEE FOR STUDY ABROAD AND STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO PAY THE HOST SCHOOL THE TUITION AND COURSE FEES

- If the host school is approved for GI Bill, VA could pay the tuition and fees up to the national maximum tuition and fee rate (Room and board charges cannot be included in tuition costs). Fees we can pay are fees that students who regularly attend the institution must pay—not fees specific to study abroad students.
- VA could provide a monthly housing allowance to the student, if the student is enrolled more than ½-time
- VA could provide a books and supplies stipend
- VA would pay tuition directly to host school
- VA cannot pay airfare or any study abroad fees charged by the home school

IF STUDENT ENROLLS DIRECTLY IN HOST SCHOOL

- If the host school is approved for GI Bill, VA could pay the tuition and fees, up to the national average in-state maximum tuition and fee charges (Room and board charges cannot be included in tuition costs). Fees we can pay are fees students that regularly attend the institution must pay—not fees specific to study abroad students.
- VA could provide a monthly housing allowance to the student, if the student is enrolled more than ½-time
- VA could provide books and supplies stipend
- VA would pay tuition directly to host school
- VA cannot pay airfare or any study abroad fees charged by the home school

IF A THIRD PARTY CHARGES A FEE TO STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

VA cannot pay a third party.



IF A STUDENT ENROLLS IN A DIFFERENT U.S. HOME SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

The school the student enrolls in for the study abroad program would be treated as the “home school” and we would pay as above, depending on whom the student was paying the tuition and fees for the courses offered at the host school.

Note: Any amounts payable are reduced if the student is not eligible at the 100% payment tier.

Example: If the student’s benefit payment tier is 40%, VA would pay 40% of the housing allowance, 40% of charged tuition and 40% of the books stipend.

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