Veteran Educational Benefits

The Military Resource Center is your point of contact for Department of Defense (DoD) and United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) educational benefits.

The office exists to ensure DoD and VA educational benefited individuals, currently serving, veteran, spouse, or dependent, are able to put those earned benefits to use at Minot State University.

The MRC provides academic and financial guidance along with access to physical and mental health wellbeing support, that includes campus and community service referrals as needed. The office works with the Academic Advising, Financial Aid, Access Services, Career Services, and other campus departments to assists entitled individuals and their families with finding answers to the questions they may have about individual or transferred military educational benefits.

We will sit down with you to help navigate the application process and completion of any additional benefit requirements, including DoD, ESO, or VA, approval, prior to enrolling in classes.

To contact the MRC call (701)858-4002, stop in the MRC (Model Hall 208) or email the MRC, MRC@MinotStateU.edu, with your questions.

Additional US Air Force resources

MAFB - US Air Force active duty
(701)727-9044 - MAFBcord@MinotStateU.edu
The Air Force maintains an Education Services Office at Minot Air Force Base. The University provides a coordinator at the installation base office providing a coordinator that assists Air Force personnel and their families in planning academic programs, selecting courses, completing financial aid procedures, and registration.

GEM and AU-ABC - US Air Force active duty
(701)858-3218 - online@MinotStateU.edu (online@minotstateu.edu)

Drop and Withdrawals—Military

All DoD or VA Educational benefited students who wish to drop courses or withdraw from the semester must complete the Universities drop/withdrawal procedures, visit with Military Resource Center / installation ESO, and if receiving federal aid the Financial Aid office, to adjust their account. Failure to follow the drop/withdrawal procedures may result in a failing grade and or the requirement to repay benefits.

Evaluation of Educational Experiences of Military Personnel

Service personnel currently on active duty who have acquired certain educational experiences, or have attended service schools, or have passed college AP/CLEP/DANTES tests can have these evaluated for transfer credit. Minot State University accepts the following towards a bachelor's degree:

1. Military service courses are given credit as recommended in the Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services published by the American Council on Education (ACE).
2. Advanced Placement (AP), The College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and DANTES subject standardized tests are accepted in some areas. Check with the Registrar's Office for the current AP/CLEP/DANTES Policy, as it is subject to revision. (See also Credit by Examination (http://catalog.minotstateu.edu/undergraduate/academicinformation/generalinformation/)).

Military Tuition Assistance Refund Policy

Minot State University returns unearned military tuition assistance funds on a proportional basis through at least the 60% portion of the term for which they were provided regardless of the reason for withdrawal (service-related or otherwise). Any unearned TA funds will be returned directly to the military service, not to the service member.

MSU will work with service members that stop attending due to a military service obligation in identifying solutions that will not result in a student debt for the returned portion. Military tuition assistance is awarded based on students completing the entire term it was awarded. When a student withdraws, they may no longer be eligible for the full amount.

Policy
Tuition Assistance eligibility will be recalculated for students who officially withdraw from the course prior to completing 60% of the enrollment period. The official last date of attendance is used to determine the number of days completed. Recalculation of eligibility is based on the percentage of TA benefits earned by using the military tuition assistance refund policy (https://www.minotstateu.edu/busoffic/pages/military-tuition-arp.shtml/).

The Department of Defense requires that the university return any unearned TA applied to institutional charges. The student will then owe the university the amount that was returned.\

Background

Section 103 of Public Law (PL) 115-407, 'Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018,' amends Title 38 US Code 3679 by adding a new subsection (e) that requires disapproval of courses of education, beginning Aug. 1, 2019, at any educational institution that does not have a policy in place that will allow an individual to attend or participate in a course of education, pending VA payment, providing the individual submits a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under Chapter 31 or 33.

Pending Payment Compliance

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679(e), Minot State University adopts the following additional provisions for any students using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post-9/11 G.I. Bill® (Ch. 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (Ch. 31) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from VA. Minot State University will not:

- Prevent 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 (access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution.

However, to qualify for this provision, such students may be required to:

- Produce the VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE) by the first day of class;
- Provide a request to be certified via the Semester Worksheet: Semester Worksheet (https://cp04.classclimatesurveys.com/minotstateu/public/online/index/index/?online_php=&p=8unsp9Qx&ONLINEID=455682256013977337336835340118068002784 18);
- Provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies

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