



**WELCOME TO SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE'S MANDATORY
VETERAN ONLINE ORIENTATION**

FOR FIRST TIME VETERAN STUDENTS USING THE GI BILL



U.S. AIR FORCE





What do I Need to Know?

STEPS FOR ENROLLMENT

- Apply to City College via <http://studentweb.sdccd.edu>
- Verify your Residency Status (619-388-3475).
- Submit **all** transcripts from previous colleges including:
DD214, Active Duty training: SMARTS, AARTS, College of the Air Force or Coast Guard CLEP, DANES, IB, AP.
- Request evaluation of transcripts (619-388-3466).
- Apply for financial aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Submit your Certificate of Eligibility to the college VA office
- Complete the SDCCD assessment for math & english





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UNITS REQUIRED TO QUALIFY FOR EDUCATIONAL & TRAINING ALLOWANCE

Units required each Fall and Spring: (does not apply to Chap 31)

- ▶ 12 units or more (full allowance)
 - ▶ 9 - 11 1/2 units (three-fourths allowance)
 - ▶ 6 - 8 1/2 units (one-half allowance)
- ▶ **Chapter 33** students will **NOT** receive a housing allowance if enrolled in **less than 7 units** in a 16wk semester or **less than 4 units** in a 8wk semester.





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VA BENEFITS CHAPTERS

Apply for the GI Bill via www.gibill.va.gov

Chapter 33 Benefits:

- Up to 15 years from the date of discharge/separation
- Reimbursement of college mandatory fees, (**will not cover non resident fees**) a monthly housing allowance, a stipend for books and supplies

Chapter 30 Benefits:

- Up to 36 months of education benefits
- A monthly stipend (based on approved units)

Chapter 31 Benefits:

- Up to 48 months, but can be extended in certain instances
- Vocational/personal counseling, education & training, financial aid, job assistance





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VA BENEFITS CHAPTERS

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Chapter 1606 & 1607 Benefits:

- ▶ Up to 36 months of education benefits
- ▶ A monthly stipend (based on approved units)

Chapter 30 Benefits:

- ▶ Up to 36 months of education benefits
- ▶ A monthly stipend (based on approved units)

Chapter 35 Benefits:

- ▶ Up to total of 45 months of educational benefits
- ▶ A monthly stipend (based on approved units)





What do I Need to Know?

HOW TO CHANGE YOUR MAJOR

- Make a one hour appointment with a counselor
- Complete a “Change of Program” form in the College’s VA Office
- Change your major only at the beginning or end of the semester





What do I Need to Know?

ATTENDING A COLLEGE OTHER THAN CITY, MESA, MIRAMAR

- Your classes from the “other college”, must be signed off by a City counselor
- Submit a “parent letter” to your “other college”
- Your “other college ”will certify your classes to Dept of Veterans Affairs
- Upon completion you must submit a transcript to City College within 30 days

***Failure to submit official transcripts will delay further VA enrollment certifications.**





What do I Need to Know?

COURSES THAT ARE NON BENEFIT PAYABLE

- ▶ Courses that do not apply to your counselor approved ed plan
- ▶ Year Long classes
- ▶ Online remedial math & English Classes
- ▶ PE, Dance activity and Health classes (unless using chapter 35 or required for your major (e.g. kinesiology))
- ▶ **For Chap 33:** if all classes are taken online your BAH (housing allowance benefits) **will** be reduced
- ▶ Personal Growth classes (unless used as an elective)

If you stop attending classes without officially dropping/withdrawing you may receive a “debt letter” from the DVA requesting a repayment of funds.





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WHAT IS REQUIRED OF YOU EACH SEMESTER

- ➔ **Must** submit a worksheet each semester to the college's VA office
- ➔ **Must** have my class schedule signed off by a counselor
- ➔ **Must** have an **official** education plan on file at City College

All students should develop a comprehensive electronic educational plan well in advance of July 1, 2014, in order to maintain priority status.





What do I Need to Know?

IMPORTANT TAKE NOTE:

Although college policy allows a student to repeat a course in which a “D” or “F” grade has been received. You may be required to repay the Dept of Veterans Affairs if the same grade is earned on your **2nd attempt**.

You may be required to repay the Dept of Veterans Affairs for any **NP** grade (No Pass) earned.





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IMPORTANT TAKE NOTE:

All students **MUST** pay tuition and fees at the time of registration.

Failure to take the proper courses will result in an overpayment and the reduction or termination of benefits. The veteran or dependent assumes full liability for any overpayment of all DVA Education Benefits.

You are required to complete the following assessment as proof of your completion of this orientation.

You must turn in a paper copy of your VA Orientation assessment with a passing score to the college's VA Office before you can be certified.

[Click here for VA Orientation assessment](#)

