

VA Military Educational Benefits for the UCLA Anderson Executive MBA Program

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Determine and Apply for Your VA Education Benefit (Ch. 31 VR&E or Ch. 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill) and Submit Documents to UCLA Veterans Resource Center (UCLA VRC)

STEP 1: Determine your VA Education Benefit and apply for VA Education Benefits online through the Veterans Administration (VA) website.

- As a resource, review the guide below to learn more about benefits you may be eligible for. To access [federal benefits](#), military-connected students need to apply online through the Veterans Administration (VA) website. The VA allows servicemembers, veterans, dependents, and other beneficiaries to apply for education benefits online at www.va.gov.

STEP 2: Once you receive the VA-issued Certificate of Eligibility (COE) from the VA, submit the COE and all other necessary documents to the UCLA Veterans Resource Center (VRC).

- Once you receive the VA-issued Certificate of Eligibility (COE) from the VA, submit the COE and all necessary materials to the UCLA School Certifying Official securely through the [UCLA Benefit Certification Request Form](#) as a way to directly send this to the UCLA Veterans Resource Center (VRC) VA Benefits team.
- If you are a Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) recipient, you must submit your counselor contact information through the [UCLA Benefit Certification Request Form](#) AND the [Ch. 31 VRE Purchase Order Student Submission form](#).
- In all correspondences, please include your full name and UCLA student UID# as indicated in your admission letter.
- Note: All necessary documents, such as a copy of the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) and, if available, a copy of the DD-214 or NOBE to the Veteran Benefits (General) Unit, should be submitted securely to UCLA through the UCLA Benefit certification request. These documents will not be accepted via email or through in-person submission due to the presence of partial social security numbers.
- UCLA will then certify your VA benefits once your tuition and fees have been charged and appear on your Bruinbill and your courses are registered.

EMBA Program Details

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| Declared Degree Program | Executive MBA at UCLA Anderson School of Management |
| Number of credits required to obtain degree | 68 credits (52 Core, 16 Elective) Review program requirements at https://www.anderson.ucla.edu/degrees/executive-mba/admissions/requirements-and-deadlines |
| Anticipated Date of Completion | 22 Months duration Review program statistics at https://grad.ucla.edu/ |
| Transfer Credit Policy | Transfers are not applicable, except from other UC MBA campuses on a case-by-case basis |
| Graduation Rate | https://grad.ucla.edu/graduateprogram-statistics/ |
| Graduation Requirements for Graduate/Professional Programs | Review the requirements to graduate at https://grad.ucla.edu/ |
| Career Outcomes for Graduates | https://career.ucla.edu/grad (Note: All EMBA students are employed.) |
| Average Indebtedness at Graduation | Review/contact Financial Aid for graduate students https://www.anderson.ucla.edu/degrees/executive-mba/emba-admit-central/cost-and-financing |
| Cost of Attendance | Detailed information about your cost of attendance can be found here . All fees are an estimate and subject to change. |
| Additional Awards Offered by UCLA Anderson | Grants & Scholarships: Students may not receive a combination of tuition/fee awards that total more than the cost of tuition/fees. In such cases, one or more tuition/fee awards will be adjusted/cancelled. |

VA Education Benefits

- An individual is eligible for one *federal* benefit at a time according to your military service/rating.
- You are admitted to a Self-Supporting Degree Program and are therefore **not eligible** to use the CalVet waiver.
- For Chapter benefits, the United States Department of Veteran Affairs determines an individual's eligibility for said benefits.
- Tuition coverage amount is based on your eligibility percentage (50% - 100%) and can be calculated by multiplying your eligibility by the values below. (Ch. 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill only)

See table below for **VA Education Benefits**. Note: Figures below may be subject to change.

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| Ch. 31 – Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) | All UC-wide mandatory fees and campus-based fees. |
| Ch. 33 – Post 9/11 GI Bill | All UC-wide mandatory fees and campus-based fees. The eligibility percentage (50-100%) corresponds to the percentage of VA benefit coverage of these fees. |

What Is Included in the EMBA Tuition vs. Included in the VA Education Benefits

Typically, the VA Education Benefits cover most, or all, of the program Registration Fees depending on your coverage set by the VA. The VA Education Benefits do not cover items like lodging, meals, books, and course materials. The EMBA Program has set aside funding for to cover these additional costs for you as long as you have VA sponsorship. The EMBA program will credit your account for this part of the EMBA fees. Specifically, we will credit your BruinBill BAR account (UCLA's billings system) for each quarter for Accommodations (program lodging and meals) and for books/course materials. Please note that anything not covered by the VA, or the Accommodations and Book/Material fees covered by the EMBA program are the responsibility of the student to pay by the payment deadline.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

I paid my deposit out-of-pocket but will be using VA Education Benefits. When will I be reimbursed?

- VA Education Benefits kick-in during the Fall quarter of your first year. The \$2,500 enrollment deposit will be credited back to your BruinBill account and refunded to you via a UCLA-issued check or direct deposit by December 1, 2025 of your Fall quarter year 1. Students are recommended to set up a [BruinDirect](#) account so any refunds are transmitted via direct deposit 2 to 3 business days after the refund posts to BruinBill. If you have questions about your refund, please contact Student Accounts.

Where will my VA funding be sent?

- Once the UCLA Veterans Resource Center (VRC) receives your Certificate of Eligibility (COE) found in the steps outlined above, your tuition and fees are assessed, and you are enrolled in classes, the UCLA VRC place a VA Fee Deferral (which stops you from being dropped from classes before the fee payment deadline) and will work with the Student Accounting department to place a credit memo for the tuition and fees portion of your anticipated VA benefit on your BruinBill, This is placeholder for your tuition and fee VA payment, which the VA will send to UCLA much later in the quarter. Once UCLA receives this payment from the VA, the credit memo will be removed and the VA payment will be posted to your Bruin Bill. For those eligible for a monthly housing allowance ("MHA"), that portion of your funding will be sent directly to you from the VA.

When will my funding arrive?

- VA tuition funding typically arrives several weeks after the quarter begins. If you qualify for a monthly housing allowance, monthly payments are prorated to the dates of enrollment and start paying 30 days after the start of the term (not the date you were certified). This means, you will receive partial payments for months where you are not enrolled for the entire month.
 - For example, if UCLA starts on September 25, you will be paid for the days in September and month of October till on or around November 1.

How does my eligibility percentage affect how much funding I will receive from the VA for my G.I. Bill benefits?

- The VA will pay the benefits equal to your eligibility percentage, which you can find on the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) you received from the VA. The VA will pay the amount of benefits equal to your eligibility percentage for Ch. 33 recipients or in full for Ch. 31 recipients. For example, a student with a 70% eligibility percentage will have 70% of their UC-wide mandatory fees and campus-based fees, including paid for and, if eligible, will receive 70% of the monthly housing allowance.

What is covered by VA Education Benefits?

- For VA Benefit students, the EMBA program tuition payments are divided into three sections: Registration Fees, Accommodations, and Course Materials. VA Education Benefits will cover Registration Fees only. Accommodations and Course Materials will be covered by the EMBA program.

Is UCLA considered a public institution or a private institution?

- The UCLA Anderson Executive MBA operates as a "self-supported" program under the broader UCLA public institution structure. While certain UCLA programs are labeled as "self-supported," it's important to note that they remain part of a public institution. As such, there is no annual cap to tuition funding for VA benefits at public universities, as observed in private institutions.

Additional VA Sources of Funding

(These are not tuition-paying benefit types going toward UCLA financial aid package)

These benefits are sources of funding not included in the student VA Education Benefits financial aid award and are not considered financial aid. Students may be eligible for these benefits depending on their benefit type, length of services, and military status. Students are paid directly by the VA.

- These funding sources are typically used for housing and educational expenses
- The monthly deposits will not go through the University and are not counted against your awarded financial aid
- Monthly payments are prorated to the dates of enrollment and start paying 30 days after the start of the term (not the date you were certified). This means, you will receive partial payments for months where you are not enrolled for the entire month.
 - For example, if UCLA starts on September 25, you will be paid for the days in September and month of October till on or around November 1.
- These figures assume full-time student status and enrolment for the full month; rates are pro-rated if enrollment was for a partial month
- Students are only able to use one federal VA benefit at a time

**** VA Education Benefits rates are subject to change annually. ****

Ch. 30 [Montgomery GI Bill](#)– Active Duty

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| If completed 3 continuous years | \$2,210/month |
| If completed less than 3 years | \$1,793/month |

Ch. 31 [Vocational Rehabilitation](#)

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| Basic Allowance of Housing | Up to \$3,531/month |
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Subsistence Allowance for Full time rate/full month:

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| No dependents | \$ 768.42 |
| One dependent | \$ 953.15 |
| Two dependents | \$ 1,123.23 |
| Each additional beyond two | \$81.85/dependent |

Ch. 33 [Post 9/11 GI Bill BAH at E-5 with dependents](#)

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| BAH Rate for UCLA | Up to \$3,531 for each full month |
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Ch. 33 [Books & Supplies Stipend based on a per unit enrollment calculation](#)

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| Maximum \$1000/year |
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Ch. 35 [Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program](#)

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| Full-time enrollment (8 units or more) | \$1,488 for each full month |
| $\frac{3}{4}$ time enrollment (6 units or more) | \$1,176 for each full month |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ time enrollment (4 units or more) | \$862 for each full month |

Ch. 1606 [Educational Assistance Allowance for trainees under the Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve](#)

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| \$466/month |
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For more information about VA Education benefits, please visit:

- Ch 30: <https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-active-duty/>
- Ch 31: <https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation/>
- Ch 33: <https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/>
- Ch 35: <https://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/>
- Ch 1606: <https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-active-duty/>
- VA Benefits Hotline: 1-800-827-1000
- GI Bill Hotline: 1-888-442-4551
- eBenefits Technical Support: 1-800-983-0937

Other Options To Pay for Net Cost: Outside Fellowships & Grants

- [Funding for Entering Students](#)
- [Graduate & Postdoc Funding Search Engine – \(GRAPES\)](#)
- [Funding Opportunities Resources](#)
- [Gradfellowships-L Email List](#)
- [Scholarship Resource Center](#)
- [Boren Fellowships for Graduate Students](#)
- [Fulbright Fellowships](#)
- [NRSA Fellowships](#)
- [NSF Grad Research Fellowships](#)
- [Resources for Finding & Applying for Fellowships](#)
- [Fellowship Directories](#)

Contact Information: Liaisons for Military-Connected Students

If you have questions about the resources or services available to you at UCLA, please see below for military-connected student liaisons:

- **EMBA Admissions Counselor:** Christina Marentes, christina.marentes@anderson.ucla.edu
- **EMBA Academic Counselor:** Michael Fontanez, michael.fontanez@anderson.ucla.edu until your section program manager is assigned
- **Financial Aid Counselor:** For VA related questions contact vabenefit@saonet.ucla.edu. For all other financial aid questions contact Eunice Cho, eunice.cho@anderson.ucla.edu
- **VA Benefit Certification:** Marcee Davis, (310) 206-3141, vabenefit@saonet.ucla.edu
- **Veteran Success on Campus & Ch. 31 VR&E:** Stephen Lam, (310) 882-3411, Stephen.Lam@va.gov
- **Center for Accessible Education/Disability Counseling:** Addison Osuna-Wightman, (310) 825-1501, awightman@saonet.ucla.edu, <https://www.cae.ucla.edu/students>
- **Counseling and Psychological Services:** Ian Mathis, (310) 825-0768, feedback@caps.ucla.edu, <https://www.counseling.ucla.edu/>
- **UCLA VA Family Wellness Center:** Melissa Lee, (310) 478-3711 ext. 42793, info@vfwc.ucla.edu, <https://veterans.ucla.edu/uclava-veteran-family-wellness-center>
- **Housing:** Melissa Faybik, (310) 983-3126, mfaybik@ha.ucla.edu, <https://portal.housing.ucla.edu/>

- **Veterans Resource Center at UCLA?** Located in Kerckhoff Hall Room 132
<https://www.veterans.ucla.edu/>