

Military-Connected Benefits and Certifications

Fall 2021 Open Forum



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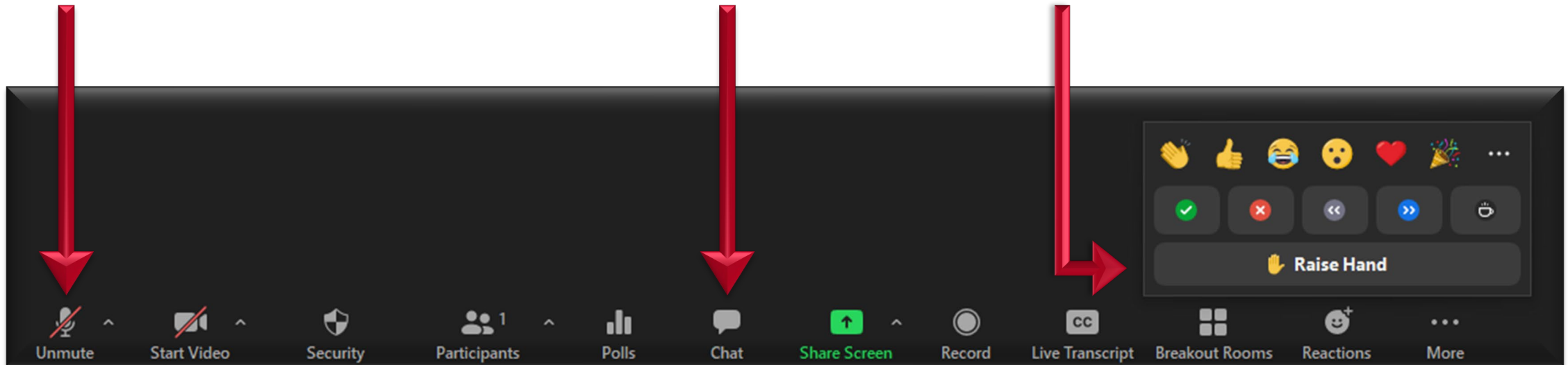
ZOOM TIPS

Not speaking?

Please stay muted

Questions?

Use the chat or raise your hand



OUR OFFICE



The Military-Connected Benefits & Certifications (MCBC) office serves the University of Arizona's military-connected students by:

- efficiently processing GI Bill® and Tuition Assistance
- ensuring students receive benefits to support their academic goals

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits is available on the [VA website](#).



OUR TEAM

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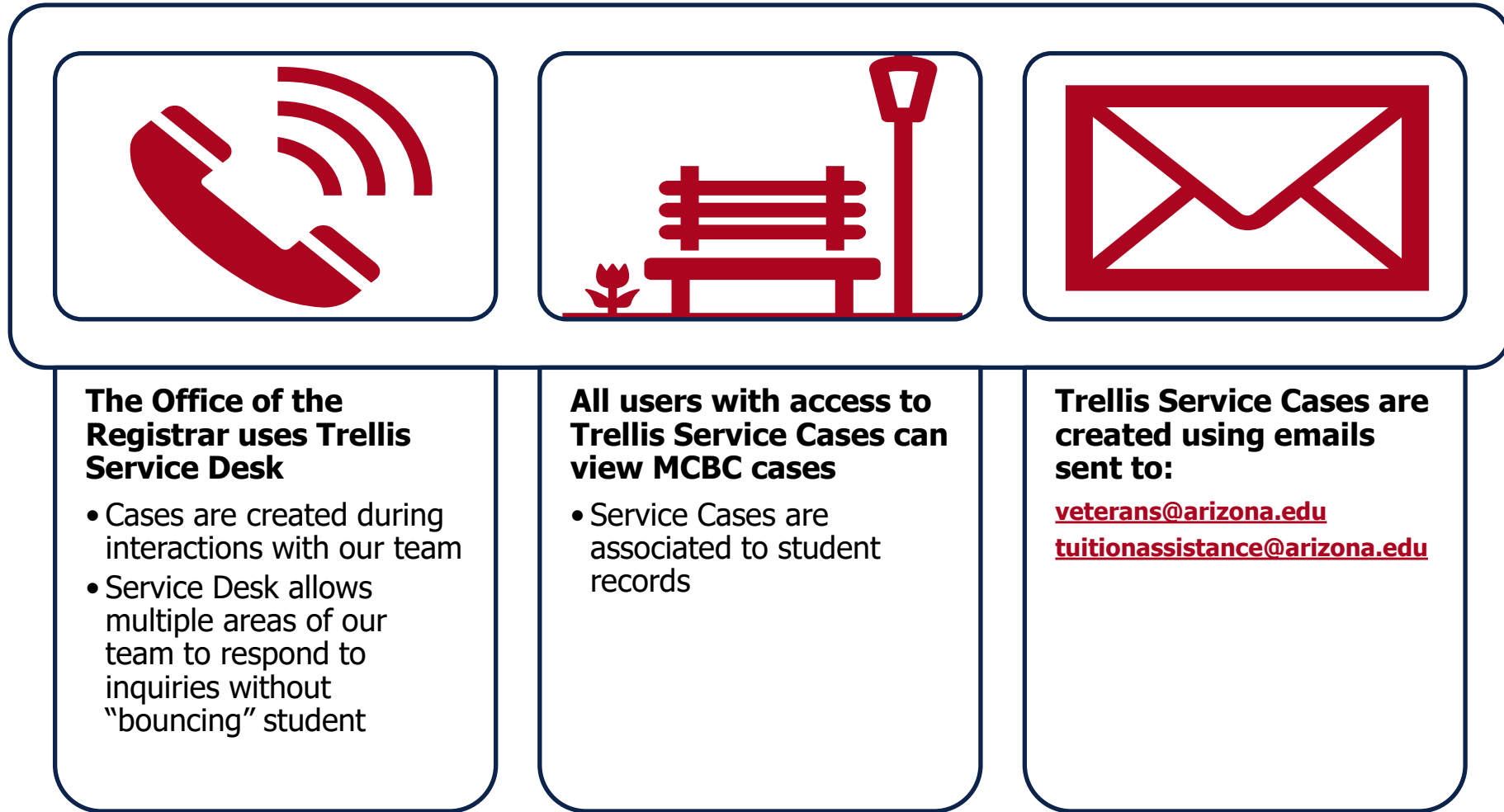
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TRELLIS SERVICE DESK



TYPES OF BENEFITS

GI Bill®

Who Can Use

- veterans
- active-duty service members
- spouses and dependents

What it Covers

- benefit level varies by chapter

DoD Tuition Assistance

Who Can Use

- active-duty service members

What it Covers

- \$250 per unit
- maximum amount varies by military branch



GI Bill®

Administered by the Veteran's Administration (VA)



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GI BILL®

Tools for Choosing the Right Program

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



WEAMS Institute Search

Use WEAMS Institute Search to find which University of Arizona programs are approved for VA education benefits.

GI Bill® Comparison Tool

Use the GI Bill® Comparison Tool to compare benefits at all approved institutions.



GI BILL®

Stipend-Based Benefits

Dependents Educational Assistance Program | CH35

\$1298/month

Montgomery | CH30

\$2150/month if 3+ years of active duty

\$1744/month if fewer than 3 years of active duty

Montgomery: Selective Reserves | CH1606

\$407/month



GI BILL®

Tuition-Based Benefits

Veterans Readiness & Employment | CH31

- net tuition after tuition specific aid being deducted
- books/supplies
- housing stipend

Post 9/11 | CH33

- net tuition after tuition specific aid being deducted (50% - 100% determined by VA)
- book/supply stipend (\$1000/year at 100% rate, \$900/year at 90%, etc.)
- housing stipend based on rate of pursuit

Fry Scholarship | CH33

- net tuition after tuition specific aid being deducted (100%)
- book/supply stipend (\$1000/academic year)
- housing stipend based on rate of pursuit

**Most
Common**



Tuition Assistance

Department of Defense (DOD)



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TUITION ASSISTANCE

"TA"



- authorized by the service-member's military branch
- payable at a rate of \$250.00 per unit
- NO active-duty military tuition rate; undergraduate students with approved TA Voucher receive TA Military Tuition Reduction Waiver for that term
- graduate students can use TA but are NOT eligible for the Tuition Reduction Waiver; they can choose to use their VA education benefits to pay what is not covered by TA
- amount paid by TA is applied to student's bursar account and appears as a "Transfer to Third Party" credit
- TA is only applied toward tuition and does not cover mandatory fees; student is responsible for balance



Tips & Information



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IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

- no veteran benefit certification request received = no benefits
- VA will only pay for courses required in student's degree plan (undergraduate ADVIP and graduate Plan of Study)
- VA will NOT pay for repeat courses that were passed
- drop/withdrawal may create VA debt and/or UA debt for student
- debt is determined by VA and may equal partial or whole amount associated with the drop/withdrawal
- for classes that do not automatically populate into ADVIP, exceptions must be made proactively



MEETING WITH STUDENTS

Review

ADVIP with students

Encourage

students to speak with MCBC team before initiating drop or complete withdrawal so they understand the financial impact

Remind

students to utilize priority registration and submit veteran benefit certification request once their schedule is finalized



PROCESSING

1. MCBC team processes veteran benefit certification requests to VA within **10-15 business days**
2. VA processes claim in **3-6 weeks**

COMMON CAUSES OF PROCESSING DELAYS

IF

THEN

student changed schedule since submitting request



MCBC will email student to resubmit request with new schedule

course does not appear on approved plan



MCBC will email student to update plan

course does not appear to meet degree requirement on undergraduate ADVIP



MCBC will email advisor for approval

graduate student has not completed Plan of Study in GradPath



MCBC will email student to submit their plan of study



RATE OF PURSUIT

of enrolled units for a session divided by full-time (FT) unit requirement for that session

Example

Undergraduate student enrolled in 9 units for 16wk session → rate of pursuit is 75%

- Stipend-Based Benefit → stipend is paid at 75% the maximum rate
- Tuition-Based Benefit → housing is paid at 80% rate (75% rounded to nearest 10%)

Important Notes

- VA pays education benefits based on rate of pursuit for **each day of the term**
- VA may consider a student's rate of pursuit different on different days depending which sessions they are enrolled in within the term
- with tuition-based benefits, the rate of pursuit only affects housing rate
- to be eligible for a reduced housing stipend, student's rate of pursuit **MUST** be 60% or higher



WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

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Residency Classification for Tuition Purposes

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Classroom Services

Service Updates

Welcome to the Office of the Registrar

We are here to serve student, faculty, staff, and alumni through registration, record management, and academic support. Our mission is to support teaching, learning, and maintaining the integrity of academic policies and the student information system.

Guide for certifying GI Bill® benefits

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Online Certification Guide

Request to Use your VA Benefits

Students should submit their Veteran Benefit Certification request only when their class schedule is finalized. If you are requesting benefits, please allow 8-10 weeks for processing. The amount of benefits you will receive is determined by the number of credit hours for which you are certified. To certify your benefits in UAccess Student Center, click on the link below to access the Veteran Certification resource guide.

Resource Guide: [UAccess Student—Veteran Certification](#)

Questions?

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