

Addendum to 2018-2019 UG catalog - Student Veteran Benefits

Veterans and Eligible Dependents Educational Assistance

The Federal Government has programs which provide financial assistance for veterans and eligible dependents of veterans. Information may be obtained on the University webpage www.barry.edu/veterans, from the local or regional Veterans Administration Offices, online at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/> or by calling 888-GIBILL-1. A student cannot be certified beyond his or her sophomore year unless a major is declared. Only general education courses can be certified prior to the declaration of a major. A student must be fully accepted into a degree-seeking program or certificate program approved by the State Approving Agency for Veterans Training to use educational benefits. The student must declare a major within the first two semesters. The Veterans Administration will make determination of eligibility for benefits. Enrollment certification for Veterans Programs is completed by the Office of the Registrar.

VA Yellow Ribbon Program

Barry University participates in the United States Department of Veterans Affairs' Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program, making a Barry education possible for men and women who joined the military after September 11, 2001.

A provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, this program allows institutions of higher learning (degree granting institutions) in the United States to voluntarily enter into an agreement with the Veterans Affairs (VA) to fund tuition expenses that exceed the annual VA tuition. The institution can contribute up to 50 percent of those expenses and the VA will match the same amount as the institution. For detailed information regarding the Barry Yellow Ribbon Program, please visit <http://www.barry.edu/veterans/post-911.html>.

Standards of Progress Policy for Veterans

A Satisfactory Progress Average (SPA), a variation of the Quality Point Average (QPA), indicates satisfactory progress for a student receiving veteran's educational benefits. An SPA of 2.00 or greater for an undergraduate student is satisfactory; less than 2.00 is not satisfactory. Any time a student's SPA is not satisfactory, he/she will be certified, in a probationary status, for only one additional semester. If, at the end of this additional semester, the student's SPA is still below the satisfactory level, the Veterans Administration (VA) will be notified of the unsatisfactory progress and the student's veteran's educational benefits will be terminated. A student whose educational benefits have been terminated by the VA for unsatisfactory progress may petition the Registrar of the University for readmission. A University official will discuss the problems relating to the unsatisfactory progress with the student. If the cause of the unsatisfactory progress has been removed, and the student is readmitted, he or she will be recertified for veteran's educational benefits.

Credit for Previous Training

Students eligible to receive educational benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs with previous post-secondary training/experience must request official transcript(s) be sent to Barry University. If the transcript(s) is not received by the end of the first semester, the student's educational benefits will be terminated until the transcript(s) is received. Should credits be accepted, the student's training time and total tuition costs will be reduced proportionately. The VA and the student will receive a written notice of credits allowed.

Outside Sources of Scholarships and Assistance

Many organizations not affiliated with the University, such as local civic groups and fraternal organizations, offer grants and scholarships for which many students are eligible. Students are encouraged to inquire about these potential sources of assistance by contacting the Office of Financial Aid.

VA Pending Payment Compliance

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679 subsection (e), Barry 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 the VA. Barry University will not:

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- 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.

To qualify for the provision, such students are required to:

- Produce the VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE) by the first day of class;
- Provide additional Information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other Institutional policies.

However, such students are responsible for any portion of their account balance not covered by VA educational benefits.