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VSO Overview

Our Staff:



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AMENITIES & DIRECT SERVICES

- Computer lab and study area
- Kitchenette
- Lockers
- Free B/W copies (**color upon request**)
- Wheelchair accessibility
- Camaraderie & peer-to-peer counseling
- Snacks/ Coffee/ Water



- Updates on VA benefits
- Referrals for academic and personal challenges
- Information about university procedures and community involvement



OPEN TO ALL MILITARY-AFFILIATED STUDENTS

Virtual Office

- We are currently using MS Teams as a virtual office space
- Work study will be live to answer questions via voice chat or text chat in real time
- Available from 0800-1600 Mon-Fri



-Join code is:

13qkggj



HOURS OF OPERATION

Fall and Spring Semesters

M - Th: 0800 – 1900

Fri: 0800 – 1700

Summer Sessions and Breaks

M - Fri: 0800 – 1700



During Total UH Closure; Opening TBA

Virtual Office Closed Th: 1300 – 1400 for training



<https://www.uh.edu/veterans/>



Federal Benefits:

Montgomery G.I. Bill – Chapter 30

Post 9/11 G.I. Bill – Chapter 33

DEA - Chapter 35

VRE - Chapter 31

Selected Reserves - Chapter 1606

APPLY FOR FEDERAL BENEFITS

Apply through
<https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>

VA | Vets.gov

Search Help Sign In Register

Explore benefits Manage your health & benefits Find VA locations

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Education Benefits

- Eligibility
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- Compare GI Bill Benefits
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- Career Counseling
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Education Benefits Application Process

If you're a Servicemember, Veteran, or family member interested in education and training opportunities, you can apply for your Certificate of Eligibility (COE). You can also manage your current benefits.

Prepare

- Check your eligibility.
- Gather the documents and information listed below that you'll need to apply for education benefits.
- See what benefits you'll get at the school you want to attend. [Go to the GI Bill Comparison Tool.](#)
- Work with a trained professional with a Veterans Service Organization (VSO) who can help you pick the right program. [Find an accredited representative.](#)

What documents and information do I need to apply?

- Social Security number
- Bank account direct deposit information
- Education and military history
- Basic information about the school or training facility you want to attend or are attending now

Ready to apply?

Select Correct Form

Are you applying for a new benefit or updating your current education benefits?

- Applying for a new benefit
- Updating my current education benefits



Ready to apply?

Select Correct Form

Are you applying for a new benefit or updating your current education benefits?

- Applying for a new benefit
- Updating my current education benefits

Are you receiving education benefits transferred to you by a sponsor Veteran?

- No, I'm using my own benefit.
- Yes, I'm using a transferred benefit.
- No, I am using the Fry Scholarship or DEA (Chapter 35)

Apply now

VETS.GOV (cont'd)

- Fill in the required fields
- You will be able to input your direct deposit information at this time
- When you have completed your form, hit submit
- You have successfully applied for your benefits
- You will receive a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) in the mail
- If you do not have time to wait for a mailed CoE, you may submit a screenshot of the “You have successfully applied” page at the end of the application in lieu of a CoE.

POST 9/11 GI BILL (CH 33)

- Mandatory Tuition & Fees at the In-State tuition rate
- Book stipend of is \$500 per regular term (Spring/Fall semesters only). You will receive a percentage if enrolled less than full-time.
- MUST MAKE SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS TO RECEIVE BENEFITS – GPA 2.0 or higher
- YOU CAN ONLY TAKE CLASSES THAT ARE ON YOUR DEGREE PLAN.* MINORS DO NOT COUNT UNLESS YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DECLARE ONE AS PART OF YOUR MAJOR (Liberal Arts)

Housing stipend – based on the zip code of your school (77004) at initial enrollment

| |
|--|
| CY: 23 |
| ZIP CODE: 77004 |
| MILITARY HOUSING AREA: HOUSTON, TX (TX282) |
| MONTHLY |
| E 5 with DEPENDENTS: |
| \$ 2124.00 |

1st Month of FULL BAH
Fall – October
Spring – March

ENROLLMENT STATUS

Undergraduate – Full-time is 12 Credit Hours (Fall/Spring)

Graduate – Full-time is 9 Credit Hours (Fall/Spring)

Summer – Specific to session (See following slide)

- If you are enrolled in less than 12 credit hours (full-time status) , your BAH will be based on your enrollment percentage (ex: 9 Credit Hours is 75%)
- You must be enrolled in a minimum of 7 Credit Hours to receive BAH
- You must be enrolled in at least 1 Face-to-Face class, hybrids DO count.
- VA will re-coup the benefits already paid for dropped classes. You will pay the VA back if you take a W grade.
- If you fail a course, you may retake it at no cost, however, it will **adversely affect your GPA.**

Summer Sessions :

What does it take to be full time during the summer?

Mini Session (3 Weeks): 2 Credit Hours

Session 1 (10 weeks): 7 Credit Hours

Session 2 (5 weeks): 4 Credit Hours

Session 3 (7 weeks): 5 Credit Hours

Session 4 (5 weeks): 4 Credit Hours

VA Table for Credit Hour Training Time

| Semester Hours Taken ↓ | Number of Weeks in the Semester | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 15 + | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 12 + | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time |
| 11 | 3/4 Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time |
| 10 | 3/4 Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time |
| 9 | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time |
| 8 | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time |
| 7 | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time |
| 6 | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time |
| 5 | less than 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time |
| 4 | less than 3/4 Time | less than 3/4 Time | less than 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time |
| 3 | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | less than 3/4 Time | less than 3/4 Time | less than 3/4 Time | less than 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | 3/4 Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time | Full Time |
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Who Processes My GI BILL Certification?

UH OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Veteran Certification

Joslyn Hogg

jhogg@uh.edu

Representatives are also available to assist you on the phones Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Please feel free to call a records associate at [\(713\) 743-1010](tel:7137431010), option 7.

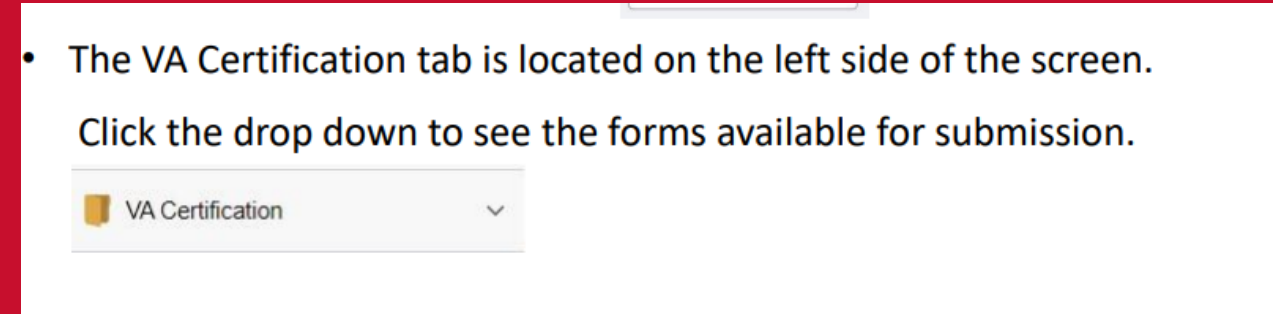
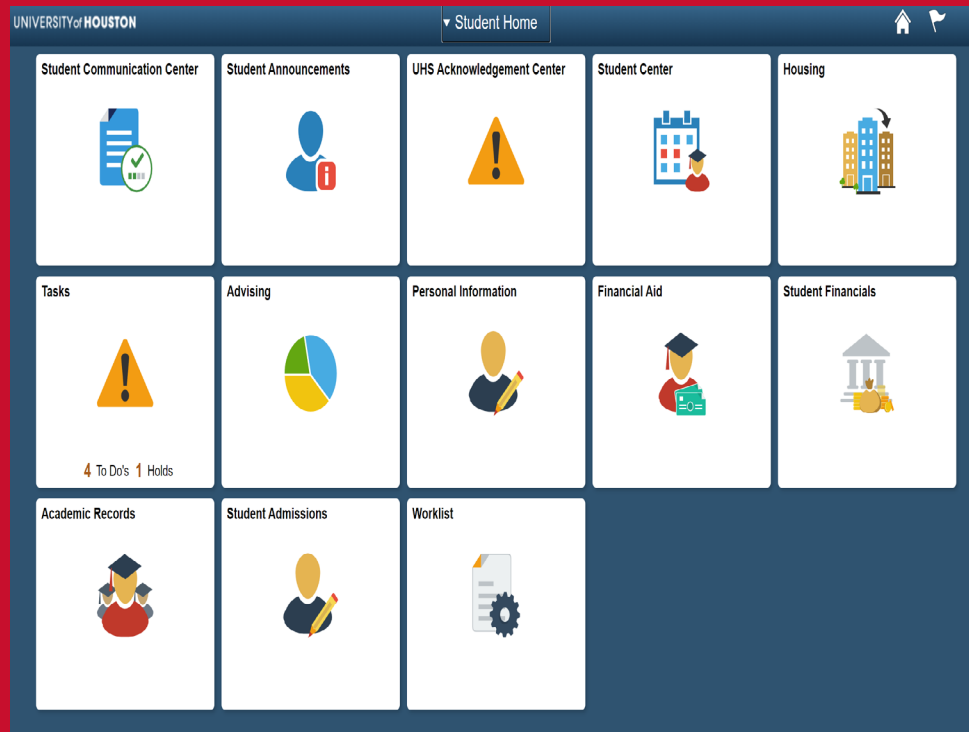
VA Certification eForm Instructions

Office of the University Registrar

CERTIFICATION PROCESS

1. Log into your Peoplesoft account and select 'Student Center'

2. Click 'Drop-Down to See Forms Available'



- The VA Certification tab is located on the left side of the screen. Click the drop down to see the forms available for submission.

To be completed Each Semester

CERTIFICATION PROCESS cont.

For More information you can Click on the Links

VA Certification eForm Links

Click the links for more information on each form.

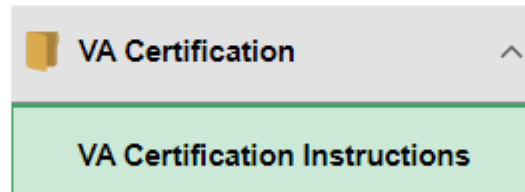
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To be completed Each Semester

CERTIFICATION PROCESS cont.

VA Certification Instructions

Click this tab to view instructions and frequently asked questions regarding submitting your VA enrollment.

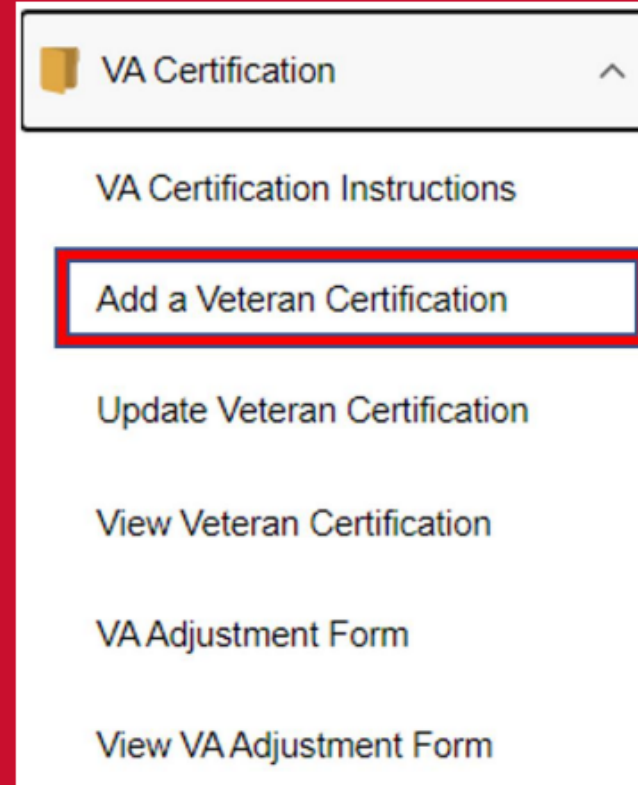


To be completed Each Semester

Certification Process Continued

Add a Veteran Certification Form

In the dropdown menu, select 'Add a Veteran Certification' to begin submitting your enrollment information for the term.



Certification Process Continued

Add a Veteran Certification Form (cont.)

- Your student ID, name, contact information, and date of birth will pre-populate on the certification page.
- Certain VA benefit chapters will request additional information. Click the links below to see an example of the VA Certification Form for your chapter.
 - [Chapter 30,33,1606, 1607](#)
 - [Chapter 31](#)
 - [Chapter 35](#)

Certification Process Continued

Add a Veteran Certification Form- Ch. 30,33,1606,1607

Bio Demo Information

| | |
|---|---|
| Student Info | Date of Birth |
| Phone | |
| *Academic Career <input type="text" value="UGRD"/> | *Term <input type="text" value="2210"/> Fall 2023 |
| *VA Chapter <input type="text" value="Chapter 30"/> | |
| Major PRPSDEU Pre-Psychology, DEG UN | |
| *Intended Major <input type="text"/> | |
| *First time using benefits at UH? <input type="text"/> | |
| *Number of hours to be certified for this term: <input type="text"/> | |
| *Is this your final semester before graduation?Final Value <input type="text"/> | |
| Academic Plan Type PRP | |

This is an example of the information that will be requested for Chapter 30, 33, 1606, and 1607 benefits. 'Student info' will include the student's ID and name. The student will need to indicate the 'Academic Career' (undergrad or grad) as well as the term that the student will be requesting benefits for. The student will be prompted to indicate the 'Intended Major' if they are currently in a pre-plan. Students will also be asked to indicate if this is their first term using benefits, number of hours to be certified, and confirm final graduation term for the semester.

Certification Process Continued

Add a Veteran Certification Form- Ch. 31

Bio Demo Information

Student Info

Phone

*Academic Career UGRD

*VA Chapter Chapter 31

*VA Counselor's Email

*VA Authorization No.

Major PRPSDEU Pre-Psychology, DEG UN

*Intended Major

*First time using benefits at UH?

*Number of hours to be certified for this term:

*Is this your final semester before graduation?Final Value

Date of Birth

*Term 2210 Fall 2023

Academic Plan Type PRP

This is an example of the information that will be requested for Chapter 31 benefits. 'Student info' will include the student's ID and name. The student will need to indicate the 'Academic Career' (undergrad or grad) as well as the term that the student will be requesting benefits for. The student will be prompted to indicate the 'Intended Major' if they are currently in a pre-plan. Students will also be asked to indicate if this is their first term using benefits, number of hours to be certified, and confirm final graduation term for the semester.

***Ch. 31 will request the student's VA counselor's email and the VA authorization number.**

Certification Process Continued

Add a Veteran Certification Form- Ch. 35

Bio Demo Information

Student Info Date of Birth

Phone *Term 2210 Fall 2023

*Academic Career

*VA Chapter

***Veteran's SSN**

Major PRPSDEU Pre-Psychology, DEG UN

*Intended Major

*First time using benefits at UH?

*Number of hours to be certified for this term:

*Is this your final semester before graduation?Final Value

Academic Plan Type PRP

This is an example of the information that will be requested for Chapter 35 benefits. 'Student info' will include the student's ID and name. The student will need to indicate the 'Academic Career' (undergrad or grad) as well as the term that the student will be requesting benefits for. The student will be prompted to indicate the 'Intended Major' if they are currently in a pre-plan. Students will also be asked to indicate if this is their first term using benefits, number of hours to be certified, and confirm final graduation term for the semester.

***Ch. 35 will request the full SSN of the veteran whose benefits the student is using.**

Certification Process Continued

Add a Veteran Certification Form (cont.)

The next sections on the 'Add a Veteran Certification Form' includes:

- **Student Term Enrollment**- Review your classes for the term
- **File Attachments**- Upload a Certificate of Eligibility (COE), test scores, and/or other necessary documents in this section.
 - Click **Upload** under **File Attachments**
 - Select **Choose From My Device**
 - After selecting the desired file, click **Upload then Done**
 - You can choose a **Description** to name the file
 - Click **Add** to include another document
- **Form Action Items "Acknowledgements"** – Read and agree to the Acknowledgements before submitting the certification form.
- **Comments**- Add any necessary comments regarding the certification.

Certification Process Continued

Add a Veteran Certification Form (cont.)

+ Add a request : Results

Form ID 104538 (Pending)

Transaction / Signature Log

1 row

| | Current Date Time | Step Title | User ID | Description | Form Action | Time Elapsed |
|---|----------------------|------------|---------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
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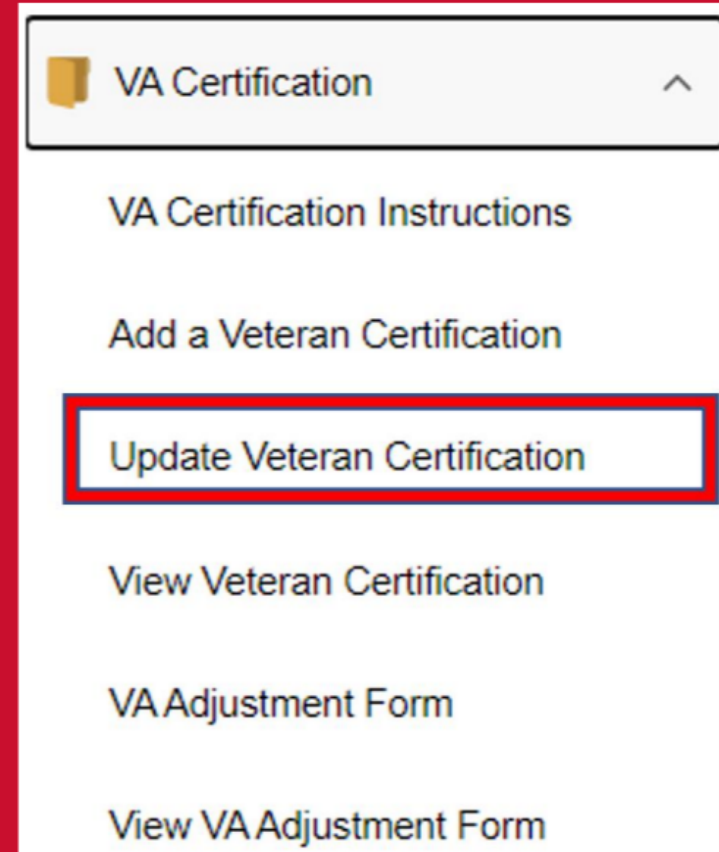
Once the form is successfully submitted, you will receive a confirmation with the status marked as 'Pending'. The Certifying Officials will review and submit your enrollment certification to the VA.

Certification Process Continued

Update a Veteran Certification

You can update your submission while it is still in the 'Pending' phase. This form is similar to the Add a Veteran Certification form. Here you can update previously submitted information and upload any necessary documentation before it is approved.

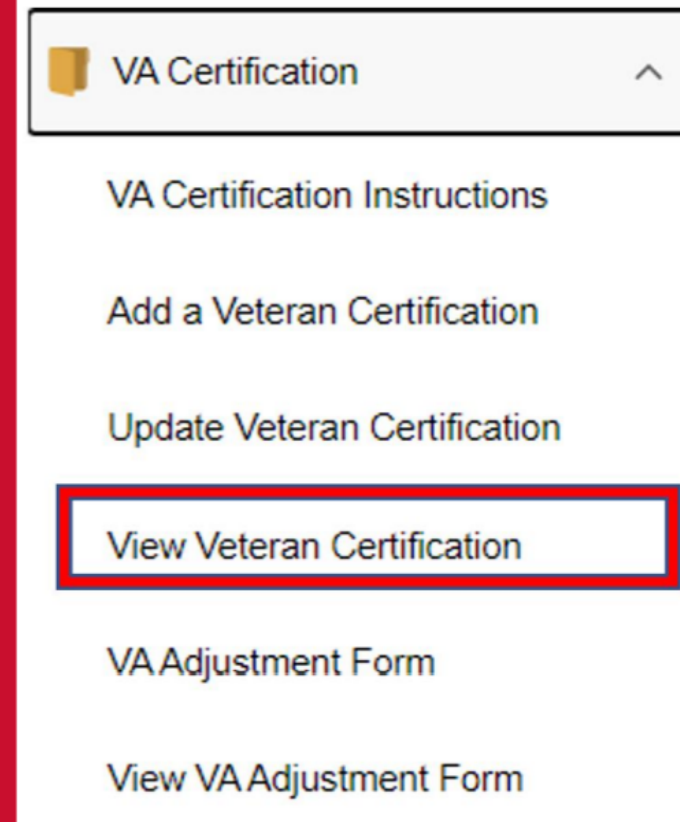
Please note: Changes cannot be made to the form after it is approved. You will need to submit a [VA Adjustment Form](#) to update information.



Certification Process Continued

View a Veteran Certification

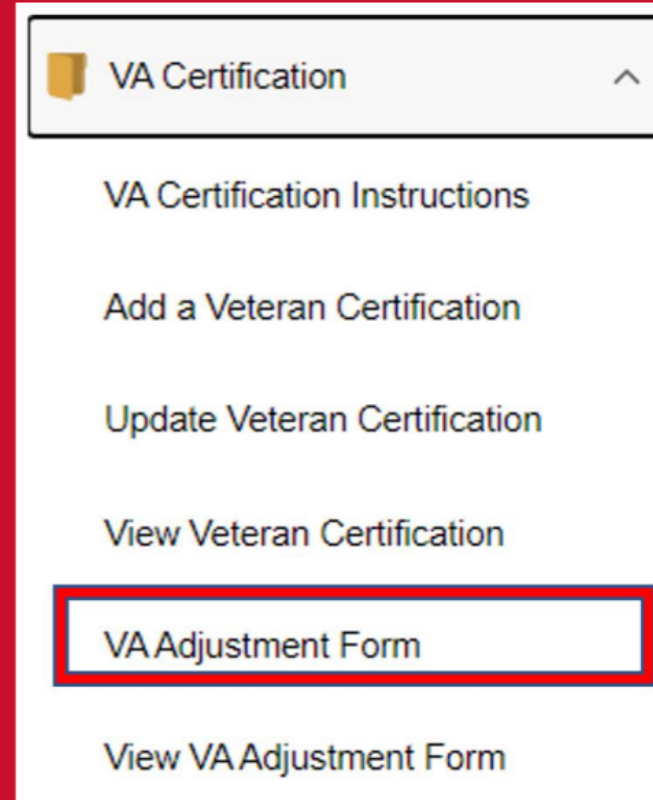
You can view the status of your VA certification here. If the form is still marked as 'Pending', it is currently under review. When the form is approved, you will be able to view your Enrollment ID and any comments added by the approver. Your Enrollment ID can be used to contact the VA for an update on your enrollment certification.



Certification Process Continued


VA Adjustment Form

In the dropdown menu, select 'VA Adjustment Form' to update your enrollment information for the term. This will assist the Certifying Officials with updating your enrollment certification for the VA.



Certification Process Continued

VA Adjustment Form

 Veteran Certification Adjustment Form : Initiate Form ID 104539 (NEW)

Student Info

*Academic Career

*Term

Student Term Enrollment

| Class Nbr | Subject Area | Catalog Nbr | Academic Program | Session | Class Section | Grading Basis | Units Taken |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|------------------|---------|---------------|---------------|--|
| 1 | 0 | | | | | | 0.00 <input type="button" value="+"/> <input type="button" value="-"/> |

Reason

Note: If you drop all courses, you are required to submit an Official Term Withdrawal in your myUH self-service account by the last day to drop a course. See Academic Calendar.

Reason for drop/withdrawal:

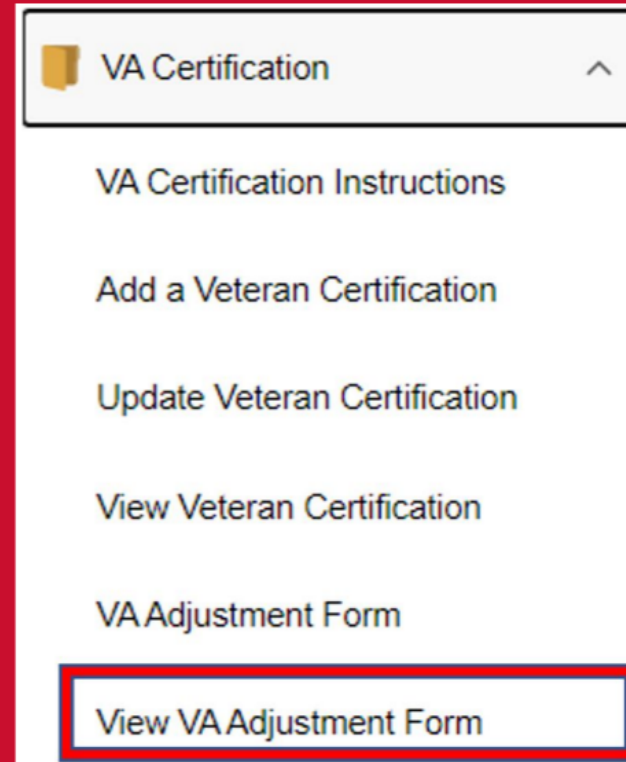
▶ **Comments**

The student's name and ID will automatically pre-populate. Please select the 'academic career' and term that you would like to update. Under 'Student Term Enrollment', select the class(es) that need to be updated. Please also include a reason for the add, drop, or withdrawal in the 'Reason' box before submitting the update.

Certification Process Continued

View VA Adjustment Form

You can view the status of your VA Adjustment Form here. If the form is still marked as 'Pending', it is currently under review. When the form is approved, you will be able to view your new Enrollment ID and any comments added by the approver. Your Enrollment ID can be used to contact the VA for an update on your enrollment certification.



Questions?

Please contact the Office of the University Registrar (OUR)

Phone: 713-743-1010, option 7

Email: UHGIBill@uh.edu

Veteran Readiness & Employ. (CH 31)

- Must be at least 20% Service Connected to receive educational benefits
- If you have <20%, you may still receive employment support

Your VRE Counselor will provide you with your instructions for certification. Keep in contact with them.

- Mandatory Tuition & Fees at the In-State tuition rate
- Parking Permits are free under VRE (Economy)
- All required books/software are paid for via purchase order.
- If additional items are required by your course, please speak with your VRE Counselor

VRE (CH 31 cont.)

- You will receive two authorization codes from your VRE counselor. Email uhgibill@uh.edu. Leave your name and student ID #, request the Voc Rehab link be added to your to do list:
- Send the other code for your books to the campus bookstore Team Leader, Sujey Lopez: s.lopezmoreno@follett.com. With the code on file, she will be able to approve your purchase.

Montgomery GI Bill (CH 30)

- Monthly direct deposit into your account with which you are expected to pay for classes.
- It is ONLY a flat amount each month.

- **Full-time enrollment:** \$2,210.00 for each full month
- **3/4-time enrollment:** \$1,657.50 for each full month
- **1/2-time enrollment:** \$1,105.00 for each full month



- Must maintain satisfactory academic progress.
- This benefit can be stacked with the Hazlewood Act benefit. This will technically make you more monthly money than the Post - 9/11 GI Bill, but you will burn through two benefits. Think of your dependents!
- Kicker Program info:
https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits_resources/rates/600_buyup.asp

Dependents Educational Assistance (CH 35)

- Monthly direct deposit into your account with which you are expected to pay for classes.
- It is ONLY a flat amount each month.

- **Full-time enrollment:** \$1,401 for each full month
- **3/4-time enrollment:** \$1,107 for each full month
- **1/2-time enrollment:** \$812 for each full month



- Dependents are eligible for this benefit if their sponsor is KIA or has a 100% service-connected disability rating. (Also see the Hazlewood Act)
- Must maintain satisfactory academic progress.
- This benefit can be stacked with the Hazlewood Act or Hazlewood Legacy Act benefit.

MGIB Selected Reserve (CH 1606)

- Monthly direct deposit into your account with which you are expected to pay for classes.
- It is ONLY a flat amount each month.

- **Full-time enrollment:** \$439.00 for each full month
- **3/4-time enrollment:** \$329.00 for each full month
- **1/2-time enrollment:** \$219.00 for each full month
- **Less than 1/2-time enrollment:** \$109.75 for each full month

- Eligible Reservists will have a 6-year Selected Reserve Obligation and will have completed their Initial Entry Training (IET).
- Certification begins at your reserve unit. You must have a signed Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) in order to certify.
- https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/pamphlets/ch1606_pamphlet.pdf



THIS IS IMPORTANT

UH WELCOME CENTER

Office of the University Registrar

🔊 713.743.1010, Option 7

Fax: 713.743.8342

You can email your inquiries to

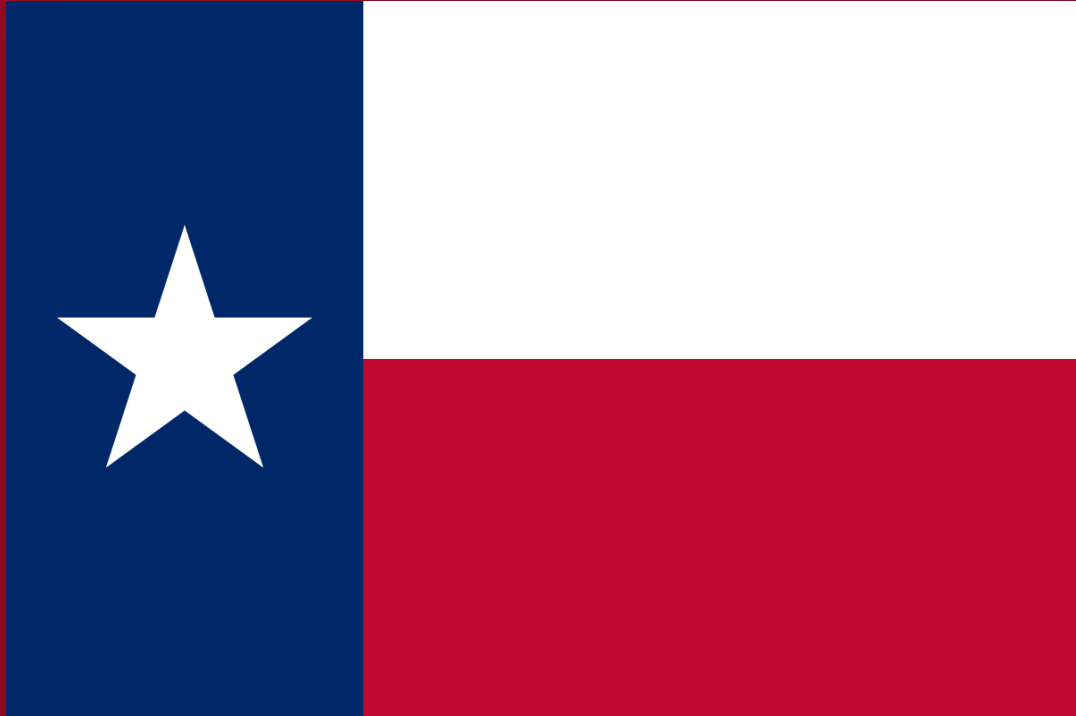
UHGIBILL@UH.EDU

Active-Duty Tuition Assistance (TA)

- Your branch of service will pay a certain amount per credit-hour for every credit you take with a yearly cap.
- Eligibility differs between branches. You may have to serve a certain amount of time at your unit before you are eligible.
- Amount differs between branches



- Apply for TA through your branch of service's online portal
- Submit your TA voucher to Melissa Villarreal in Student Business Services: mmvillar@central.uh.edu
- You will automatically be enrolled in a deferment plan and your branch of service will be billed after your grades post.



Texas Hazlewood & Texas Hazlewood Legacy

TEXAS HAZLEWOOD ACT


- For qualified Veterans, spouses, and dependent children (181 days Active Duty service)
- Provides up to 150 credit hours of tuition exemption
- Must be used at a Texas Public Institution
- Must reside in Texas and have enlisted out of Texas
- Must maintain a Satisfactory GPA (2.0)

**You are responsible for Mandatory Student Fee
(~\$260)**

**THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE LIVING EXPENSES, MEAL PLANS,
PARKING PERMITS, BOOKS, OR SUPPLY FEES.**



TEXAS HAZLEWOOD ACT cont.

- Hazlewood Act can be passed down to qualifying dependents (Hazlewood Legacy Act)
- Transferring the benefit prevents veterans from using it themselves.
- If transferred to the child of a veteran, the child must be UNDER 26 on the first day of class in order to use it. 
- If a veteran has a 100% service-connected disability rating or KIA, then all children, their spouse, and the veteran get their own Hazlewood benefit (150 hours each). This is not considered Hazlewood Legacy.



TEXAS HAZLEWOOD ACT

COMPLETED APPLICATION

- Hazlewood/Hazlewood Legacy Application
 - If Legacy: Relationship Documentation to Veteran & DD214
- Hazlewood Database Printout (Texas Veterans Commission website)
- Degree Plan signed by Academic Advisor
- Turned in via e-mail or in-person (NOT UPLOADED LIKE GI BILL)
- If you are using your own Hazlewood Act you must show proof that you have exhausted your Post -9/11 GI Bill, or that you were never eligible. Submit a COE that shows there is nothing left.

TEXAS HAZLEWOOD ACT

SUBMISSION

UH Welcome Center

Student Business Services

713.743.1010, Option 6

Fax: 713.743.3330

Email: Hazlewood@uh.edu



DEADLINE

All documents must be submitted by the Official Reporting Date (ORD)

FALL/SPRING

12th Term Day

SUMMER

4th Term Day

PAYMENT & DEFERMENT PLANS

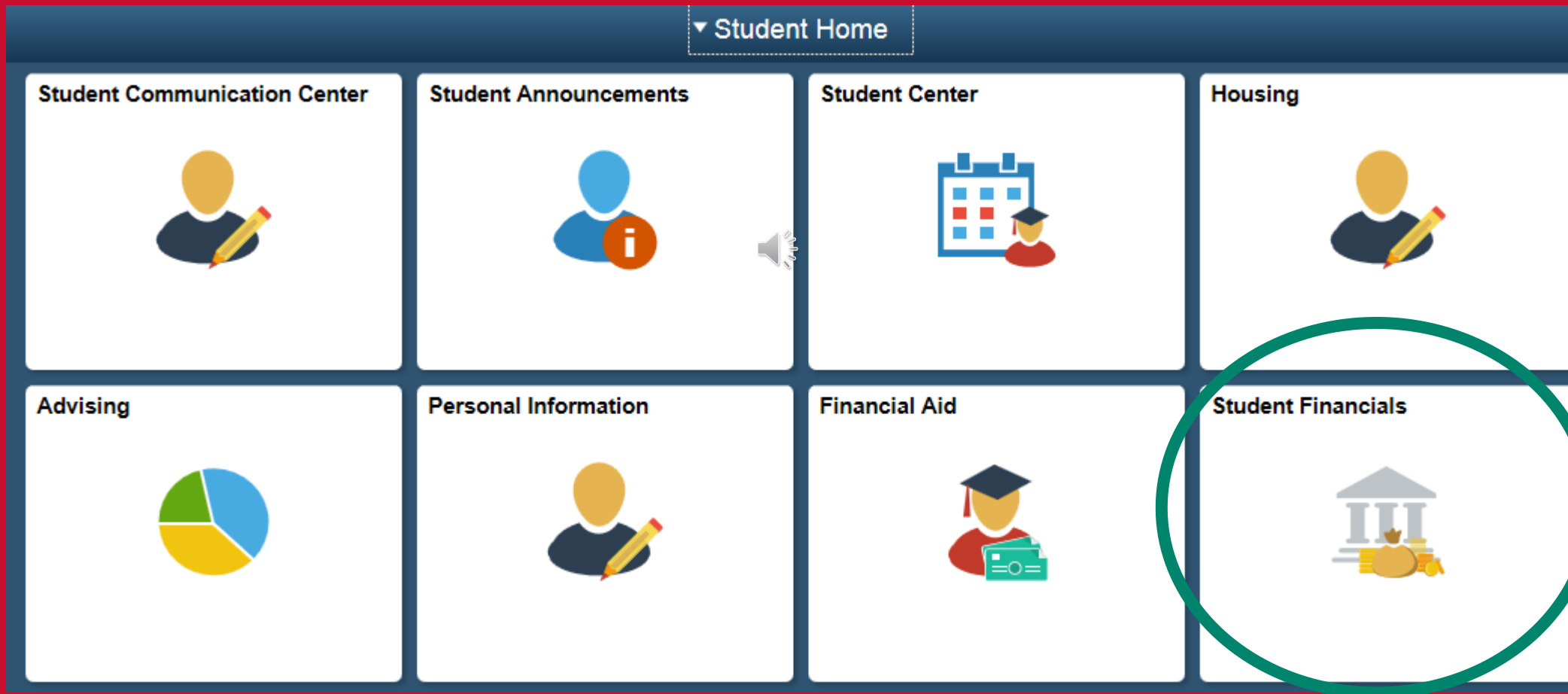
- All students have the option to apply for payment or deferment plans.
- Those who are **living on campus** can apply for the **45 day deferment**
- We **strongly recommend** you apply for the **90 day deferment**.
 1. Defers payment of tuition and mandatory fees only.
 2. Does not cover prior unpaid balances or optional fees such as, housing, parking, or a meal plan.
 3. If you choose not to apply for the 90-day deferment, and VA payment is not received by the due date, **YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM YOUR CLASSES!**
 4. If this happens, your classes may not be available when you re-register.



UH BOOK LOAN

- Is for the exact amount of \$400.00 fall/spring semesters (\$200.00 for the summer semester) Has a \$5.00 non-refundable origination fee.
- Is for the same amount, regardless of how many sessions in which the student is enrolled.
- Post - 9/11 will direct deposit the book stipend. It is your responsibility to pay the loan!

Find them on Access UH!



Find them on Access UH!

< Student Home
Student Financials Collection

- Make a Payment
- Charges Due
- Self Service 1098T
- Account Balance
- Payment Plans**
- Pending Financial Aid
- Account Summary
- Self Service Refund Request
- Payment History
- Optional Fees
- UH in 4 Fixed Rate Tuition Pln

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Balance
Summary
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payments
Pending Financial Aid
Make a Payment
Payment Plans
Refund
1098T

Select New Payment Plan

Please select the payment plan that you would like to add to your account. Only one payment plan may be selected for each term.

Payment Plan Options

Short Term Tuition Deferment Loan On Campus Housing Only

Short Term Tuition Deferment Loan - This is a deferred pay plan which covers tuition, fees, housing. This deferred pay plan is strictly available for students who live in housing.

Select This Plan

Emergency Deferment Loan Everyone Else

Emergency Tuition Deferment Loan. This is a deferment payment plan which defers payment of tuition and mandatory fees. It does NOT cover any optional fees such as housing, parking, or year book.

Select This Plan

Installment Payment Plan

Installment Pay Plan - 4 payments - 1st payment equal to 25% or more of current balance. Remaining balance to be divided into equal installments.

Select This Plan

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Depending on your income level, you could be eligible to receive Federal Assistance
- You are entitled to apply even if you are using Veteran Benefits.
- Federal Student Aid offers Pell Grants, Subsidized/Unsubsidized loans, and scholarships
- Any grants received on top of educational benefits that produce an overpayment will be refunded back to you around the Official Reporting Day of the term.
- Visit: www.fafsa.ed.gov to begin your application!



Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

- Your FAFSA is calculated based on a previous year's income, which for veterans means that the school still sees you as receiving active duty pay.
- If you are a single student with no job, or in a household with no income, your EFC should read as zero.
- Often times this is not the case, so a Financial Reconsideration Appeal (FRA) must be submitted to the office of Financial Aid.
- Turn in the FRA form (Found at Financial Aid or this office), your DD-214, your last Leave and Earning Statement (LES), your tax returns from 2 years prior, and a letter detailing your current situation and why your EFC has changed.

Financial Aid Reconsideration Form

19FRA

myUHID: _____ First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON
OFFICE OF SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

2018-2019 Financial Reconsideration Appeal

This form can be used to report changes to your household's financial situation that are not reflected on the 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). After completing all four sections of this form, submit completed form with all required supporting documentation:

- Directly to the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid (SFA) at the Welcome Center, or
- via fax at 713.743.9098,
- or call SFA for guidance in order to submit via myUH self-service: 713.743.1010, option 5

Processing will not begin until all required documentation is submitted.

STEP 1: Letter of explanation

You must provide a detailed, typed, signed and dated letter supporting your request. If you are a dependent student, the letter must be signed by the student and at least one parent.

STEP 2: Submit applicable tax documents

Tax filers (both student and/or parents) must submit copies of their 2016 IRS tax return.

Non-tax filers (both student and/or parents) must submit copies of all W-2s for 2016.

Additional items as advised by SFA.

STEP 3: Check the reason(s) for the loss of income and attach the required documentation indicated below. Additional documentation may be requested.

LOSS OF PARENT, STUDENT, OR SPOUSE INCOME (due to layoff, termination, or reduction of hours)

- Submit documentation from former employer confirming loss of income, date of separation, and amount of severance pay.
- Submit copy of last pay stub from previous job showing year-to-date earnings.
- Submit copy of most recent pay stub from current job, if applicable.
- Submit a printout of the Texas (or applicable state) Workforce Commission Claim and Payment statement.

LOSS OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION OR WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS:

- Submit a printout of the Texas (or applicable state) Workforce Commission Claim and Payment statement or
- Submit letter from Bureau of Workers' Compensation stating start/end dates and benefit amount.

DEATH OF PARENT OR SPOUSE:

- Submit copy of death certificate.

DIVORCE OR SEPARATION AFTER FAFSA HAS BEEN FILED:

- Submit legal separation papers, verification from attorney, or divorce decree.
- Submit documentation of any child support/alimony to be received per month.

Other: _____

- Submit documentation identifying sources of income, how funds were spent, and the amount of any remaining funds.
- Submit receipts, if applicable.

Office Use Only

Date: _____ Received by: _____ Processed by: _____

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STEP 4: Actual and expected income information (sections A & B)

A. Enter the date in which the income situation (i.e. lost job, income reduction) occurred: _____

B. Please complete change of income chart. (Do not leave any blanks; enter zero where necessary)

| Income Resources | Actual 2016 Income Received Gross Income | Estimated 2018 Income Gross Income |
|--|--|------------------------------------|
| Income earned from work by father/stepfather (if dependent) | | |
| Income earned from work by mother/stepmother (if dependent) | | |
| Income earned from work by student | | |
| Income earned from work by spouse of student (if applicable) | | |
| Child support received | | |
| Other taxable income (interest, pensions, unemployment, severance, etc.) | | |
| Other untaxable income (workers compensation, housing allowance, etc.) | | |
| Total: | | |

STEP 5: Family information: Write the names of all family or household members living in your household between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, AND who are receiving more than 50% of their support from you, your parents or your spouse. Include yourself, your parents (if dependent), or spouse (if applicable), any children or other people that the student's parents (if dependent) or the student (if independent) support. Also, write in the name of the college for any family member (excluding parents) who are currently attending at least half-time.

| Full Name | Age | Relationship to Student | College Attending |
|-----------|-----|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Student/Self | University of Houston |
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STEP 6: Certification Statement: Your signature on this document confirms your acknowledgement of the following:

- The information submitted for review is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.
- Providing false information or underestimating projected income may result in reduced eligibility, repayment of aid, or both.
- You have read each section, provided the required documentation, and understand that more may be required for clarification.

Student Signature: _____ Phone or Email: _____ Date: _____

Spouse Signature (if applicable): _____ Phone or Email: _____ Date: _____

Parent 1/Father/Stepfather Signature (if applicable): _____ Phone or Email: _____ Date: _____

Parent 2/Mother/Stepmother Signature (if applicable): _____ Phone or Email: _____ Date: _____

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UH PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

You need a permit to park on campus!

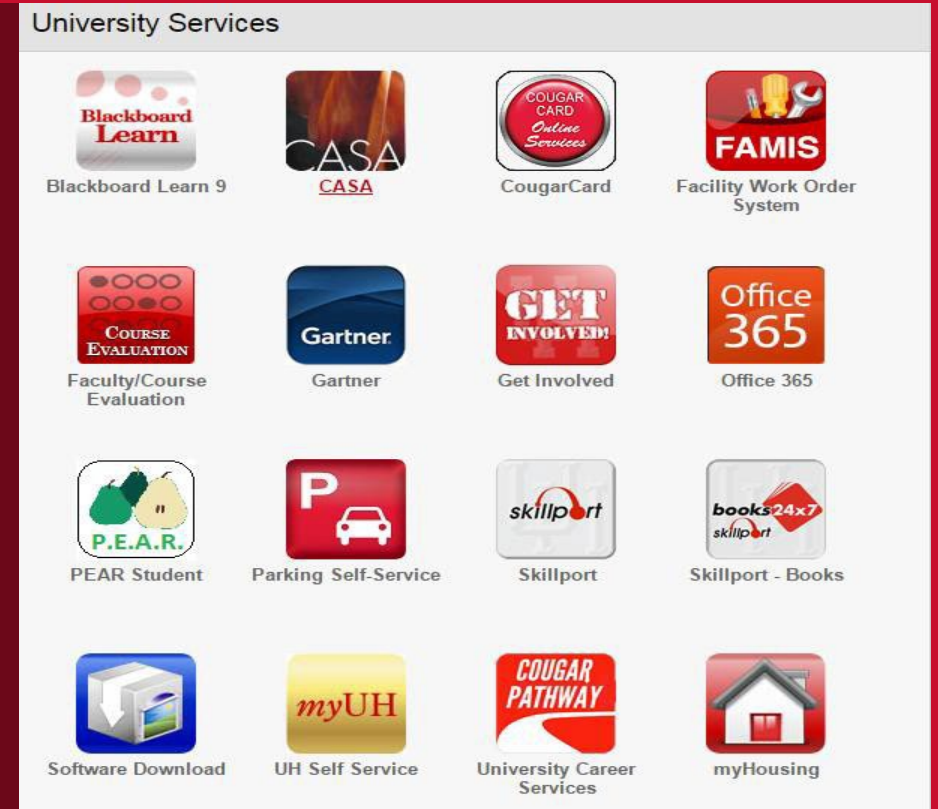
If you have:

- **DV Plates**
- Purple Heart
- Bronze Star

You are eligible to receive a Disabled Parking permit at **NO COST ONLY IF YOU HAVE ISA SYMBOL OR BLUE HANGING TAG PER TEXAS LAW**

If You have DV plates, but do not have the Blue tag or ISA symbol, you can receive a Zoned Parking Pass at no cost to you.

* DV plates process (Bring a copy of car registration with drivers license to UH Parking office to receive your free parking pass. Note: if you receive a charge, contact the parking office for removal)



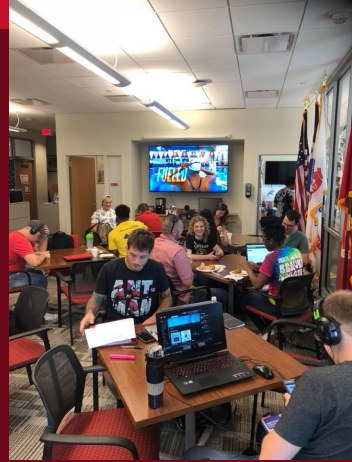
Getting The Most Out of the University

- Transitioning can be challenging. This is a different kind of stress.
- You are responsible for your own grades. Utilize campus resources. (VS IS A CAMPUS RESOURCE!!!)
- Plan your degree around your career, not the other way around.
- Your goals may change, and that's okay. Come see us if you are feeling overwhelmed. We can help more than you think.
- The Honors College offers exclusive courses and opportunities.
- Student organizations provide professional networking opportunities, access to internships, and camaraderie.

GET INVOLVED!



Cougar
Red Friday



Cougar
Sports



The Student Veteran
Football Season

Tailgate
Starter Kit



VS Work
Study



Student
Orgs.

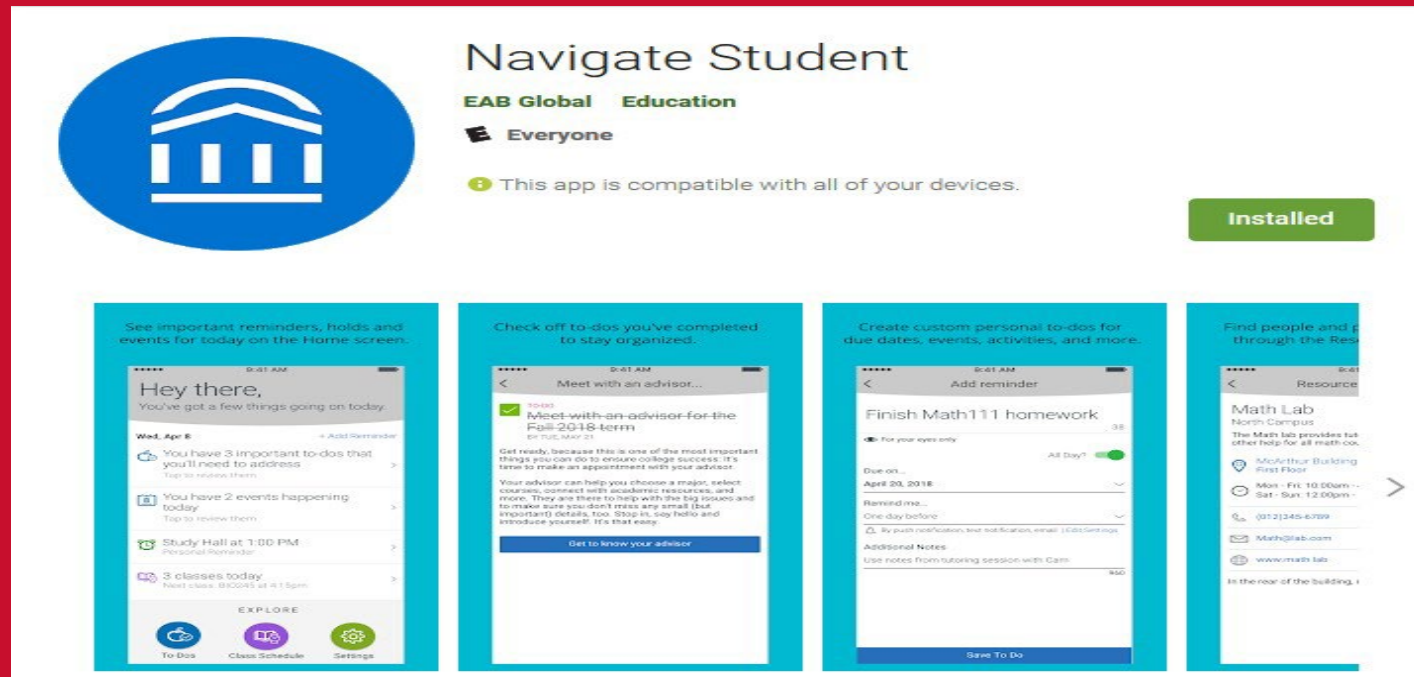


DSA
Programming



QUICK TIPS

UH Navigate: This is how you schedule appointments with your Advisor



Campus Resources:

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

Center for Academic Support and Assessment

UH Home > CASA > Tutoring Center

CASA

Tutoring Center

LAUNCH

Successful students start **strong**, they find ways to stay **strong**, and they finish **strong**.

Successful students also run into obstacles, sometimes. And when they do, they seek out help.

Whether you are launching good habits or you're facing challenges that impact your academic mission, call on **LAUNCH**.

Academic hurdles? Our expertise can help you clear them.

Academic goals? We can help you achieve them.

UNIVERSITY of
HOUSTON

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST
Writing Center

CASA Tutoring: Any MATH Classes

Launch Tutoring: Most non-Major classes
(Engineering/Business/Lib. Arts go here)

Writing Center: Will read and review
any paper you submit to them.

Self-Study Resources:



- Math/Physics/Engineering
- Free and Premium version
- Step-by-step solutions



- Math/Natural Sciences/
Economics/Pre-Health
- Free to use
- Detailed videos



- Math/Physics/ Computer
Science
- Step-by-step solutions

QUICK TIPS

- If you have a VA Disability rating, register with the **Justin Dart, Jr. Student Accessibility Center**
- ✓ Obtain contact info for your advisors; most of them prefer e-mail.
- ✓ Sign up for the Emergency Deferment every semester.
- ✓ Ensure the Registrar's office knows you are a veteran so you can get priority enrollment for courses.
- ✓ Make Sure you have access to VA.GOV account



Student Veterans of America at UH

- ✓ The SVA is a student-led organization that provides both a social network and activism for student veterans.
- ✓ The SVA works closely with VS but is a separate entity. Most activities are after school hours.
- ✓ Volunteer work, social events, professional development, and more are available.
- ✓ National Conference in January provides a massive networking opportunity.

