

Study Abroad and the Post-9/11 GI Bill

Information taken from "Tuition and Fees, Housing, Books and Supplies under Post-9/11 GI Bill"

http://www.gibill.va.gov/documents/factsheets/post_911_study_abroad_fact_sheet.pdf

To use VA funds to study abroad:

- Students must be enrolled in courses that will apply to their program.
- The programs at the host school in the foreign country must be approved.
- VA cannot pay any fees specific to studying abroad; i.e. the VA will not pay the K-State Study Abroad Office's \$150 administrative fee.
- Note: Any amounts payable are reduced if the student is not eligible at the 100% payment tier. Example: If the student's benefit payment tier is 40%, VA would pay 40% of the housing allowance, 40% of charged tuition and 40% of the books stipend.

In cases of exchange programs and some faculty led programs:

- VA could pay the home school's tuition, up to the in-state maximum allowed (Room and board charges cannot be included in tuition costs). Funds are sent directly to the home school.
- VA could provide a monthly housing allowance to the student, if the student is enrolled more than ½-time. These funds are sent directly to the student to help with room and board costs.
- VA could provide a books and supplies stipend directly to the student.
- VA would pay no charges directly to the host school.
- VA could not pay for any fees specifically due to participation in the study abroad program.
- VA cannot pay airfare
- VA cannot pay amenities fees or host school fees

In cases of direct enroll programs and some faculty led programs:

- VA could pay the tuition and fees, up to the national average in-state maximum tuition and fee charges (Room and board charges cannot be included in tuition costs), if host school is approved to certify enrollments to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.
- The VA could pay the fees that all students that regularly attend the institution must pay—not fees specific to study abroad students.
- VA could provide a monthly housing allowance to the student, if the student is enrolled more than ½-time. These funds are sent directly to the student to help with room and board costs.
- VA could provide books and supplies stipend directly to the student.
- VA would pay tuition directly to host school.
- VA could not pay for any fees the home school charges for study abroad fees
- VA cannot pay airfare

In cases of program providers:

- VA benefits cannot be used towards program providers

Other important information:

- Contact K-State's Veterans Affairs Office for more information
 - 221 Anderson, 785-532-7061.
 - www.k-state.edu/veteran
- Must complete K-State's Veterans Information Form (VIF) in order to be certified to the VA.
 - Form can be found at <http://www.k-state.edu/veteran/benefits/>
- Students must take and transfer back the same amount of credits they signed up for.