

MSTC Class of 2027 Military Benefits Reference Sheet

GI Bill® and other VA Education Benefits

GI Bill® and other VA Education Benefits are certified by the Office of the Registrar's [Veteran Certification Team](#).

Please note, the MSTC program start date for the 2026-2027 cohort is **June 3, 2026**, with classes officially beginning on June 4, 2026. However, the Veteran Certification team cannot certify benefits to the VA until students have been registered for classes and completed the [required steps](#). For new and incoming students, registration windows open in late spring and again in early summer. **You will not need to worry about registration, this is handled by our office. If you have paid the enrollment deposit, you will be registered.**

When you see that you have been registered, complete the required [GI Bill® Benefits steps](#) for the Summer term and the Veteran Certification team will certify your benefits. **Please keep in mind, you will need to request benefit certification for each semester.** After you request benefit certification the Veteran Certification Team will ask the program for an itemized invoice.

If you are using Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33) benefits, the Veteran Certification team will remove all non-tuition expenses (lodging, food, books, etc.) from the invoice and certify your tuition expenses to the VA. For students using Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33) benefits, the VA will pay the percent of the tuition bill they receive, depending on your percent of coverage and benefit entitlement. **The student will be responsible for paying the remainder of the bill.**

Students using VA Education Benefits other than Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33) will be certified and the VA will determine and pay the appropriate benefits. If you have questions about what your benefits will cover, contact the Office of the Registrar [Veteran Certification Team](#).

MSTC Military Waiver (in place of the Hazlewood Exemption)

The MSTC program is not eligible for state tuition benefits from the Hazlewood Exemption Act. However, the program offers a scholarship for anyone who qualifies for those benefits. To request these funds, simply complete the [MSTC Military Waiver Request Form](#) certifying your eligibility, and using that same form, upload a copy of your DD-214. If you have questions about the process or need assistance, please contact MSPORegistrar@mcombs.utexas.edu and copy texasmstc@mcombs.utexas.edu.

False statements on the affidavit will be treated as an Honor Code violation and students proven to have done so will be subject to dismissal from the program and/or immediate retroactive revocation of the Military Waiver. If a student is eligible for the MSTC Military Waiver (by qualifying for the Hazlewood Exemption Act), they can apply that against tuition costs. **However, there is a cap of \$9,750.00 (50% of the cost) for each semester.** The amount of the waiver may vary from semester to semester due to the University tuition rates and hours being taken.

If an eligible student with Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33) benefits below 100% coverage also wants to utilize the MSTC Military Waiver, **the \$9,750.00 per semester cannot overlap with what the VA sends for Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33) benefits.** The student is responsible for paying remainder of the bill.

Important Notes and Reminders

- Once the Veteran Certification team has certified a student, the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) makes all decisions related to GI Bill® benefit payment(s).
- Students with Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33) GI Bill® 100% eligibility benefits must still pay the enrollment deposit.
- Books are initially paid for through the Enrollment Deposit. For students eligible for Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33), the VA may provide a book stipend. The book stipend is usually a maximum of \$1,000.00 per academic year.
- GI Bill® Education Benefits will not reimburse expenses incurred by the program which are associated with hotel stays, food, travel, or course materials, so these costs must be parsed out and paid out-of-pocket. No refunds are provided on items students choose not to utilize.
- For the MSTC Military Waiver, there is a cap of \$9,750.00 (50% of the cost) for each semester.
- To request certification of GI Bill® Education Benefits each semester, students must contact the Office of the Registrar [Veteran Certification team](#) to initiate the process.
 - For information about GI Bill® benefits at UT and how to apply, contact the [Veteran Certification team](#).
 - Students requesting benefit certification must submit a [GI Bill® Questionnaire](#) each semester.
- **Per VA policy, students must use their Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33) benefits first before the MSTC Military Waiver kicks in, even those with less than 100% eligibility. It cannot be stacked with the GI Bill® benefits, only used to supplement the out-of-pocket costs up to the \$9,750 cap.** If the dollar amount the VA pays for Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33) exceeds 50% of the program costs, the MSTC Military Waiver amount will be reduced accordingly.

Estimates of Expenses

Total MSTC Program Cost is \$58,500.00 which equals \$19,500.00 per semester. This amount will be reflected (less any approved scholarship/waiver) in each student's billing account. All students must sign a Financial Responsibility Statement (FRS) each semester acknowledging their financial obligations. The MSTC is an [Option III Graduate Program](#). Option III programs have a different tuition structure than regular degree programs at the University. Below is an estimate of tuition, fees, and approximate out-of-pocket expenses which are not covered by the GI Bill® Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33).

Summer 2026

- Tuition & Fees - \$ 16,908
- Course Materials - \$247
- Non-Tuition Fees - \$2,345 includes food, lodging, and other costs not covered under Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33)

Fall 2026

- Tuition & Fees - \$15,988
- Course Materials - \$223
- Non-Tuition Fees - \$3,289 includes food, lodging, and other costs not covered under Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33)

Spring 2027

- Tuition & Fees - \$18,278
- Course Materials - \$430
- Non-Tuition Fees - \$792 includes food, lodging, and other costs not covered under Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33)

Please Note:

The MSTC Class of 2027 out-of-pocket expenses for students with 100% coverage and entitlement under GI Bill® Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33) benefits are estimated to be approximately \$7,326. Actual expenses may fluctuate based on the cost of meals, lodging, books and materials required by faculty and MSTC program curriculum. The amount remaining when subtracting these expenses from the \$58,500 will be billed as tuition. No refunds are provided on items students choose not to utilize.

Once the Veteran Certification team has certified a student, the [Department of Veteran Affairs](#) (VA) makes all decisions related to [GI Bill® benefit](#) payment amounts.

Contact Info for Veteran Support

Veteran and Military Affiliated Services

Website: <https://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/veterans/>

Email: UTVeterans@austin.utexas.edu

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Veteran Certification, Office of the Registrar

Website: <https://bit.ly/utvetbenefits>

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