

BIG Announcements!

Yellow Ribbon Program Expanded

Effective fall semester, 2012, the Yellow Ribbon Program has been expanded to help an unlimited amount of students and the amount has been increased from \$2,000 to \$10,000 per year. In order to be eligible a student must be using the Post 9/11 GI Bill at 100% eligibility and classified as an out-of-state student. Funds will be awarded only during the fall semester each year. In order to apply, select the "YR Applicant Only" option when submitting your VRRF. Funds will be applied to your student account after your VRRF is processed. Mason is proud to be amongst the top participants in Yellow Ribbon funding. Please contact us at 703.993.1316 with any questions.

Veteran Scholarship

One veteran will receive scholarship funding through Mason - amount TBD. Applicant must be an undergraduate and will qualify based on financial need. Please apply by June 1 at the following link:

<http://financialaid.gmu.edu/2012-2013-george-mason-university-scholarship-application/>

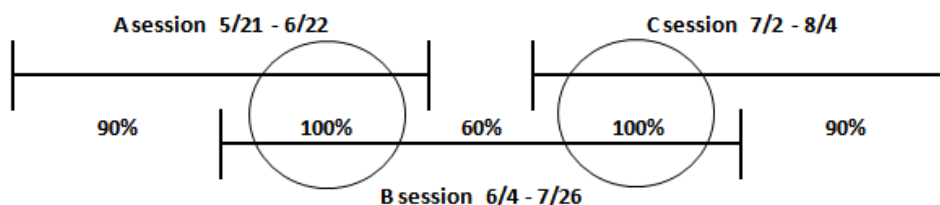
What's Happening Now

Post 9/11 GI Bill - BAH for Summer Courses

We've received a large volume of calls and emails about how summer courses affect BAH, so we've included a detailed breakdown. Mason has three standard **semesters** during the summer: A, B, and C sessions. Each is its own term and thus, eligibility for BAH in one term does not necessarily affect eligibility during any other session. **You do not have to be a full-time student in order to receive some BAH**, just greater than half-time. In order to receive the full amount you must be a full-time student. Below is the breakdown showing the number of credits during each session and the corresponding eligibility for BAH.

Undergraduate				Graduate			
Credits	A	B	C	Credits	A	B	C
6	100%	100%	100%	6	100%	100%	100%
5	100%	90%	100%	5	100%	100%	100%
4	100%	80%	100%	4	100%	100%	100%
3	90%	60%	90%	3	100%	80%	100%
2	60%	NONE	60%	2	70%	NONE	70%
1	NONE	NONE	NONE	1	NONE	NONE	NONE

During times that sessions overlap (A and B - B and C) you may be eligible for a higher BAH payment than during the rest of the session. Below is a graph showing the eligibility for an undergraduate student who is taking 3 credits during each session (A, B, and C). Notice the eligibility changes throughout the summer depending on how many credits they are taking and during what times. If you have any questions please contact us at military@gmu.edu or 703.993.2428.



MEET THE STAFF



Jennifer Connors - Director



Aaron Emery - Office Manager and Transition Coordinator

Post 9/11 GI Bill - Off-Setting Payments for VA Debt

The VA has begun paying off-setting payments to some schools for student incurred debt. In a few select instances, when a student has debt owed to the VA, the VA will make a partial payment to the school for tuition and fees in order to recoup the student debt. If you believe you may have received an offsetting payment, please contact us at 703.993.2428 or military@gmu.edu.

Veteran Internships

The Aurora Foundation provides select internships for student veterans. These internships are very high quality and can lead to greater opportunities for motivated self-starters.

Internships are open to student veterans using the GI Bill. Must have relevant coursework and at least a 2.0 GPA.

Paid internships are available with the following companies:

Ritz Carlton, Tyson's Corner

CACI, Fairfax

Spectrum, Newport News

Send resume, transcripts, DD214, and two letters of recommendation from non-family members to:

Ellen Hembree

Internships@Aurora4Vets.org

On Campus

Post 9/11 GI Bill - Summer Tuition

Mason has recently published tuition rates for the summer. Below is a break down of what the VA will pay for a student with **100% eligibility**. Students with partial eligibility should calculate based on their percentage (40, 50, 60%, etc).

This applies only to summer courses. As of fall the VA will again fully cover tuition for in-state, 100% eligible students. Grad programs have different rates but the same applies - 100% eligible, in-state students will owe a difference in tuition - for full grad rates please contact us.

In-State Tuition: **\$392.50/credit**

VA Pays: **\$377.75/credit**

Difference: **\$14.75/credit**

Out-of-State Tuition: **\$1148.50/credit**

VA Pays: **\$377.75/credit**

Difference: **\$770.75/credit**

Recruiter Providing Career Help

On Wednesday, May 3 from 10am - 2pm a recruiter from CACI will be in the Office of Military Services providing resume advice and talking with students about career opportunities and networking. This is a non-formal event, no RSVP needed. Bring resume if you would like a review.

Career Services

Information Session and Panel Discussion

May 2, 3 - 4pm
Johnson Center, Room E

Series of Career Workshops

May 24, 910am - 315pm
SUB 1, Room 3332

Veteran Career Counselor

We now have a veteran / service member liaison in the Career Services Office. Laura Winkler has recently taken the position and can assist in career searching and resume advice for veterans and service members. Contact Laura at lwinkler@gmu.edu.

Career Counseling Services

Meet individually with the Career Counselor that works with your major or graduate program.

University Career Services, SUB I, Room 3400
Career Counseling & Advising Appointments: 703.993.2370
Our Website and Spring 2012 Workshop and Event Calendar:
<http://careers.gmu.edu/>

Veteran Organizations

Veterans Society

Vetsoc.org

vetsoc.gmu@gmail.com

Semper Fi Society

[Semper Fi Society at Mason \(facebook\)](#)

GMU Vets For Hire

[GMU College Veterans for Hire \(facebook\)](#)

GMUVetsForHire@gmail.com

Schedule of Events

Climbing at Sports Rock Alexandria

June 9 from 12-2pm

Look for further events to include skeet shooting, kayaking, and mountain biking with REI. More to follow.

*For further details, please contact the Veterans Society at vetsoc.gmu@gmail.com.

ROTC

Mason Army ROTC is designed to prepare the next generation of officers. It is centered around the aspects of leadership, tactics, and policy. Labs and lectures designed to reinforce practical training meet once per week and physical training three times per week. What separates Mason ROTC from the rest is the level of cadet control. We feel the only real way to train a leader is to allow them to lead and provide guidance. ROTC functions are largely cadet controlled from planning to execution and instructors provide input.

703.993.2706
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**If you'd like to volunteer your services contact:

CPT Mariah Doolittle: mdoolitt@gmu.edu
MAJ Paul Kremer: pkremer@gmu.edu

Maximizing Your GI Bill Benefits

Reimbursement for National Tests

Students using the GI Bill may be eligible for reimbursement for national tests. The VA will reimburse for the following fees:

- Registration fees
- Fees for specialized tests
- Administrative fees

Fees the VA will not reimburse:

- Fees to take pre-tests (such as Kaplan tests)
- Fees to receive scores quickly
- Other costs or fees for optional items

Currently, the following tests are approved for reimbursement:

- SAT, LSAT, GRE, GMAT, AP, CLEP, ACT, DAT, MAT, MCAT, OAT, PCAT, TOEFL, DSST, ECE

To apply for reimbursement submit a VA Form 22-0810 to the Buffalo Regional Office or through the "Submit a Question" feature on the VA's website.

*If you are using the Post 9/11 GI Bill you will be charged one month of benefits for each test taken or for every \$1,460 reimbursed, whichever is less. Any other GI Bill is charged proportionate to the cost of the test compared to the full-time monthly payment.

This Month in Military History

May 7, 1952

Battle of the Coral Sea

The Battle of the Coral Sea marked the first naval encounter in history in which the opponents fought each other with air power alone. During the two day battle, American planes sank one light cruiser, the Shoho, and damaged two others. The Japanese sank the USS Lexington. The Battle of the Coral Sea halted the Japanese advance on Australia.

May 1, 1960

American U-2 Shot Down Over USSR

Soviet guns shot down an American U-2 photographic reconnaissance plane flying over the USSR. The pilot was Francis Gary Powers, an Air Force Captain on loan to the CIA. A Soviet court in Moscow convicted Powers of espionage and sentenced him to a 10-year term. He was released on February 10, 1962 in exchange for Soviet spy Rudolf Abel, who had completed five years of his 30 year sentence for spying on the U.S.

May 15, 1963

Project Mercury's Longest Flight

Also in May, on the 15th of May, 1963, the last and longest of the Project Mercury flights occurred. Major Leroy Gordon Cooper Jr. USAF, orbited the earth 22 times in an MA-9 "Faith-7" capsule. Cooper made a manual re-entry after the automatic control system failed. He was the first American to orbit the earth for more than a day, spending 34 hours, 20 minutes and 9 seconds in flight.



American U-2 Reconnaissance Plane



Gordon Cooper enters the "Faith 7"

RESOURCES

Off Campus

GI Bill: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 800.827.1000

VONAPP (Veterans Online Applications): Web: [Site](#) Phone: 888.442.4551

VA Application for Health Benefits: Web: [Site](#)

eBenefits: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 800.983.0937

Virginia Dept. of Veterans Affairs: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 804.786.0286

Virginia Wounded Warrior Program: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 877.285.1299

Wounded Warrior Project: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 877.832.6997

Veterans Crisis Line: 800.273.8255 (press 1): Web: [Site](#) Confidential Live Chat: [click here](#)

DAV (Disabled American Veterans): Web: [Site](#) Phone: 877.426.2838

American Women Veterans: Web: [Site](#) Email: info@americanwomenveterans.org

Veterans Job Bank: Web: [Site](#)

On Campus

Office of Military Services: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.1316 Email: military@gmu.edu

Clinic for Legal Assistance to Service Members: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.8214 Email: clasv@mail.gmu.edu

Disability Services: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2474 TTY: 703.993.2476 Email: ods@gmu.edu

Counseling and Psychological Services: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2380 Email: mvaneppe@gmu.edu
Contact: Morgan Cutlip

Certifying GI Bill Benefits: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2428 Email: military@gmu.edu

Battle Buddies Program: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2428 Email: aemery4@gmu.edu Contact: Aaron Emery

Admissions: Web: [Site](#) Phone: Email: military@gmu.edu Contact: Office of Military Services

Veterans Career Counselor: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.4024 Email: lwinkler@gmu.edu Contact: Laura Winkler

ROTC: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2706 Email: goldbar@gmu.edu

Tutoring: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2999

Student Accounts: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2484 Email: student_accounts@gmu.edu

Third Party Billing: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2484 Email: student_accounts@gmu.edu

Financial Aid: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2353

