

## Reminders for Students Using [Post 9/11 GI Bill®](#) (Chapter 33)

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**Know Your Program Requirements and Plan Your Classes<sup>1</sup>:** Log into your [Peoplesoft account](#) to view your Degree Plan and see your remaining certificate or degree requirements. Watch the video: [How to Check Degree Plan](#) for instructions. Look at the Pathway for your program in the online [academic catalog](#) to see which classes you should take next.

**Register for Classes:** Register for classes by logging into your [PeopleSoft account](#). Watch the video: [How to Add Courses and Enroll](#) for instructions. For tips on how to build your schedule, refer to the guide below titled: *How to Build a Schedule to Maximize BAH.*

**Pay Your Tuition and Fees (if applicable):** If your GI Bill benefit percentage is less than 100%, pay your portion of tuition and fees by the [academic payment due date](#). Contact the [Office of Student Accounts](#) if you need assistance. *If your benefit percentage is 100%, no action regarding payment is needed.*

**Purchase Your Books & Materials:** If you register for classes far enough in advance, your book stipend for each class (\$41.67/credit) should be deposited into your bank account a week or two before the class starts. Go to the [Bookstore website](#) to see what books and materials are required for each class.

**Log into BlackBoard:** Log into your [BlackBoard account](#) a day or two prior to the class start date to access online classes and in-person classes that have a companion site in BlackBoard.

**\*\*\*NOTE:** *The date and time when professors make their classes available to students in BlackBoard is up to their discretion. Do not worry if you do not see a link to your class in BlackBoard prior to the start date. This does NOT mean you are not enrolled. Confirm your enrollment and class schedule by logging into your [PeopleSoft account](#).*

**Verify Your Enrollment with the VA:** Remember to [verify your enrollment with the VA](#) at the end of each month to receive your monthly BAH payment.

**Questions about your benefit?** Contact FCC Veteran and Military Services for assistance:

Amy Coldren, Director <a href="mailto:AColdren@frederick.edu">AColdren@frederick.edu</a> 301-624-2836	Tricia Morris, School Certifying Official <a href="mailto:TrMorris@frederick.edu">TrMorris@frederick.edu</a> 301-846-2632
Schedule an appointment with VMS via <a href="#">Navigate</a> .	

<sup>1</sup> If you have questions about your program, need assistance planning your classes, or are thinking about changing your major, [schedule an appointment](#) with your program advisor in Career and Academic Planning Services.

## How to Build a Schedule to Maximize BAH

This guide is for students using:

- Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Chapter 33)
- Veteran Readiness & Employment (Chapter 31) who are also eligible for Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Fry Scholarship

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To maximize your BAH, do the following:

1. **Pay attention to [class format](#)!** Choose at least one face-to-face or hybrid class that spans the length of the term. For example, if you are taking one 15-week class, one 13-week class, and two 7-1/2 classes, choose a 15-week class OR two back-to-back 7-1/2 classes that are face-to-face or hybrid. The rest can be online or structured remote if you so choose.
2. **Understand your rate-of-pursuit (ROP)** and make sure it is 100% if your schedule allows (this is a personal preference and does not work for everyone!). Note the following:
  - a. A student's ROP must be > 50% to receive any BAH
  - b. VA calculates your ROP based on your enrollment on each day of the session/term
  - c. VA prorates BAH payments according to your ROP

Use these ROP charts to help you calculate your ROP for the different academic sessions:

### 15-week Session

Credits	Rate of Pursuit	Eligible for BAH?
1-6	50% or less	No
7	60%	Yes
8	70%	Yes
9-10	80%	Yes
11	90%	Yes
12+	100%	Yes

### 13-week Session

Credits	Rate of Pursuit	Eligible for BAH?
1-3	30% or less	No
4	50%	No
6	70%	Yes
7	80%	Yes
8	90%	Yes
9+	100%	Yes

### 10-week Session

Credits	Rate of Pursuit	Eligible for BAH?
1-3	50% or less	No
4	60%	Yes
6	90%	Yes
7+	100%	Yes

### 8-week Session (Summer Session)

Credits	Rate of Pursuit	Eligible for BAH?
1 credit	19%	No
3	60%	Yes
4	80%	Yes
6+	100%	Yes

### 7-1/2 week Session

Credits	Rate of Pursuit	Eligible for BAH?
1-2	40% or less	No
3	60%	Yes
4	80%	Yes
5+	100%	Yes

### 5-week Session

Credits	Rate of Pursuit	Eligible for BAH?
1	30%	No
2	60%	Yes
3	90%	Yes
4+	100%	Yes

### 3-week Session (January Session)

Credits	Rate of Pursuit	Eligible for BAH?
1	50%	No
2+	100%	Yes