

## MSTC Class of 2026 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 2025-2026 cohort is **June 9, 2025**, with classes beginning on that date. 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 incoming students the window of registration opens in early June 2025. **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 does not qualify for the Hazlewood Exemption Act (state tuition benefits), however the program offers a waiver for those who would otherwise qualify. To request the Military Waiver, 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](mailto:MSPOregistrar@mcombs.utexas.edu) and copy [texasmstc@mcombs.utexas.edu](mailto:texasmstc@mcombs.utexas.edu).

The amount of the waiver may vary from semester to semester due to the University tuition rates and hours being taken. 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 you have Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33) benefits below 100% coverage and are also wanting to utilize the MSTC Military Waiver, there is a **cap of \$9,750.00**. The \$9,750.00 will include what the VA sends for Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33) benefits. **The student will be responsible for paying the remainder of the bill.**

- Summer - \$9,750.00
- Fall - \$9,750.00
- Spring - \$9,750.00

## **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 costs associated with hotel stays, food, or travel/the plane ticket for the international trip.
- If a student is eligible for the MSTC Military Waiver (by qualifying for the Hazelwood 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.
- 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. If the dollar amount the VA pays for Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33) exceeds the cap, then the Military Waiver will not be used. It cannot be stacked with the GI Bill® benefits, only used to supplement the costs up to the cap.

## **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 waivers) in each student's billing account. Each student is required to 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 2025**

- Tuition & Fees - \$ 16,961
- Course Materials - \$220
- Non-Tuition Fees - \$2,319 includes food & lodging costs not covered under Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33)

### **Fall 2025**

- Tuition & Fees - \$16,140
- Course Materials - \$172
- Non-Tuition Fees - \$3,188 includes food & lodging costs not covered under Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33)

## **Spring 2026**

- Tuition & Fees - \$18,448
- Course Materials - \$332
- Non-Tuition Fees - \$720 includes food costs not covered under Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33)

### **Please Note:**

The MSTC Class of 2026 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 \$6,951. 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](mailto:UTVeterans@austin.utexas.edu)

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### **Veteran Certification, Office of the Registrar**

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