

GENERAL INFORMATION 2014

January 13, 2014	Spring 2014 First eight-week term, 16-week term begins
March 10, 2014	Spring 2014 Second eight-week term begins
May 12, 2014	Summer 2014 College of Education 10-week term begins
May 19, 2014	Summer 2014 First five week and eight and 10 week terms begins
June 23, 2014	Summer 2014 Second five week term begins
August 25, 2014	Fall 2014 First eight-week term, 16-week term begins
October 20, 2014	Fall 2014 Second eight-week term begins

Please Note: Payment Information

All bills will be posted by email only and not by regular mail. Please check your UMW email account on a regular basis for any account updates. Students who pay after the due date will be charged a late fee of 10% of the outstanding balance. You will not have your Chapter 30 MGIB benefits in time to meet this deadline. If you are using Chapter 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation) or Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill), the VA will pay tuition directly to UMW. To discuss payment plans with the Office of Student Accounts contact the applicable campus:

Student Accounts – Fredericksburg Campus Student Accounts – Stafford Campus

Phone: (540) 654-1250 or (540) 654-1289 Phone: (540) 286-8058

E-mail: umwbills@umw.edu

UMW Website: <http://adminfinance.umw.edu/studentaccounts/>

Failure to meet payment deadline does not serve as a student's notice of cancellation, nor does nonattendance in a course constitute a course drop or waiver of tuition fees.

<u>Student Debt</u>	A debt is established on the student if they withdraw <u>after</u> the first day of the term or if the student reduces the hours taken before or during the term. If a student completely withdraws <u>on</u> or before the first day of the term, the debt is on the school.
<u>Add/Drop Course</u>	If you add or drop a course after you have been certified, you must report this to the Veterans Liaison of the campus you are attending within one week so that they can notify the VA of any change in your course load that might affect your benefits. The VA will invoice you for any refund that you receive from a dropped course. If you drop a course after the 100% refund window, you will not receive a refund from UMW and you may be expected to pay all or some of the tuition back to the VA.
<u>Attendance</u>	Class attendance is required for the receipt of veterans benefits.
<u>Enrollment Certification</u>	You must submit a UMW "Request for Veterans Benefits" form for each term that you wish to claim benefits. You may project credits for future terms on the form, but you will be certified only for the credits that you are actually enrolled in.

<u>Financial Aid</u>	If you are expecting any type of financial aid (loans, scholarships, etc.), you must report veterans benefits to the Office of Financial Aid to avoid award errors. Excess awards will be recovered from the student.
<u>Monthly Enrollment</u>	If you are using Chapter 30, 32, 35, 1606, or 1607, you may have to call in each month to verify your current enrollment. You can do this by calling 1-877-823-2378 or by logging into your WAVE account at www.gibill.va.gov .
<u>Non-Degree Status</u>	You may claim benefits as a non-degree student for two semesters. After such time, you must be admitted to a program in order to continue receiving benefits for courses taken at UMW. You will also have to submit a 22-1995 Request for Change of Program form directly to the VA as you change from non-degree status to a program.
<u>Variable Course Load</u>	If you take a course taught on a schedule other than the standard 16-week semester dates, the credit for the course only counts as part of your course load for VA benefits <u>for the specific dates</u> of the course. Students who take both eight-week courses and 16-week courses, some of which overlap, will find their benefits checks changing monthly as their daily course load decreases or increases. Contact the Veterans Liaison for further information if needed.

VA Contact Information

The Veterans Administration Regional Office in Roanoke is your VA Office while you are attending the University of Mary Washington. Counselors may be reached by dialing this toll-free number: **1-888-442-4551**. The web site is: www.gibill.va.gov/education. We use the online program VAONCE for Enrollment Certifications (22-1999, 22-1999b). Other forms (22-1990, 22-1995) should be sent to the Buffalo Regional Office for processing or submitted online via VONAPP which can be accessed through the www.ebenefits.va.gov website.

Veterans Administration Regional Office
116 N. Jefferson Street
Roanoke, Virginia 24016

Department of Veterans Affairs
Buffalo Regional Processing Office
P. O. Box 4616
Buffalo, New York 14240-4616
FAX (716) 551-3241

Post-9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2008 (Chapter 33)

Students using Chapter 33 need to be aware of their eligibility. If a student is less than 100% eligible, he/she must pay the outstanding portion of the tuition bill when bills are due. If a student is 100% eligible, a flag will be placed on his/her account after certification so no late fees are not assessed while we wait for payment from the VA.

The books and supplies stipend will be sent directly to the student. The student may need to purchase books before this payment arrives. The stipend is to offset the cost of the books; it is not meant to be a reimbursement or voucher. Current rates for 2012 are \$41.67 per credit up to \$1000 per academic year.

The Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) is paid if your rate of pursuit is greater than 50%. The rate of pursuit is calculated by dividing the number of credits pursued by the number of credits the school considers full-time. The charts below depict what constitutes the rate of pursuit percentages based on each term offered at UMW. Your rate of pursuit also determines what percentage you will receive of the Housing Allowance. For example: if your rate of pursuit is 85% then you will receive 90% of the Housing Allowance. Keep in mind that this amount is also based on your Certificate of Eligibility tier level. The Monthly Housing Allowance rate for UMW is based on the 22401 zip code for an E-5 with dependents. The BAH aligns with Fort AP Hill and it is currently \$1347 (FY2013). The Housing Allowance is paid in arrears at the beginning of each month. For students who take 100% online courses, the rate of pursuit requirements are the same. The difference is the amount you receive is based on 50% of the national average of all BAH. Active duty personnel and spouses of active duty personnel using Transfer of Entitlement (ToE) benefits are not eligible for the Housing Allowance. However, dependents are eligible.

For Information at UMW-Stafford Campus

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For Information at UMW-Fredericksburg Campus

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Request for Benefits Form

www.academics.umw.edu/registrar/veterans

UMW Semester Course Loads for Veterans Benefits - Undergraduate

16-Week Sessions		10-Week Sessions		Eight-Week Sessions	
12+ hours*	Full Time	7+ hours*	Full Time	6+ hours*	Full Time
9-11 hours*	¾ Time	5-6 hours*	¾ Time	4-5 hours*	¾ Time
6-8 hours	½ Time	4 hours	½ Time	3 hours	½ Time
4-5 hours	< ½ Time	3 hours	< ½ Time	2 hours	< ½ Time
1-3 hours	¼ Time	1-2 hours	¼ Time	1 hour	¼ Time

UMW Semester Course Loads for Veterans Benefits - Graduate

16-Week Sessions		Eight-Week Sessions	
9+ hours*	Full Time	4.5 hours*	Full Time
6 hours*	¾ Time	3 hours*	¾ Time
3 hours	More than ¼, less than half	1.5 hours	More than ¼, less than half

* BAH eligible course loads (If not full-time, rate of pursuit is calculated by dividing the number of credits being pursued by the number of credits UMW considers full-time. Example: 7 credits is 60% for 16 week sessions (7/12 = 58%, rounded to the nearest multiple of 10)