

Financial Aid

Military Tuition Assistance

Military Tuition Benefits are awarded to a VA student or dependent/spouse, or an active-duty member of the U.S. armed forces and/or reserves under the assumption that the student will attend school for the period in which the assistance is awarded. If the student withdraws or is administratively withdrawn, the student may not be eligible for the full amount of tuition benefits.

Veteran (VA) Benefits

Students who were honorably discharged from the armed forces and are eligible per the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs may use their benefits to pay for their education towards an eligible undergraduate or graduate degree program.

Students using VA benefits are required to submit a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to the Office of the Registrar before benefits can be implemented. The COE should be the most current and it can be requested from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs directly. Students may use Chapter 31, 33, 35, or MGIB-SE Chapter 1606 benefits towards their education. Dependents or Spouses using benefits must submit a COE showing that the servicemember has transferred their benefit eligibility.

Students may be asked to submit updated COEs throughout their enrollment. Please contact the Office of the Registrar for more information about utilizing VA benefits at Albertus Magnus College.

Active Servicemember Tuition Assistance

The Department of Defense (DoD) has mandated a uniform tuition assistance (TA) fiscal policy across the Services. Service TA Programs include Army, Air Force, Marines and Navy. The per semester hour cap is \$250 and the fiscal year ceiling is \$4,500. To ensure all service members participating in off-duty, postsecondary education programs are provided quality education programs, the Department of Defense established the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Each branch of the military handles TA differently. If you are in the army, you will use GoArmyEd to register for classes and have TA applied. If you are in the Air Force, you will need to register for classes then apply for TA through the Air Force Virtual Education Center. If you are in the Coast Guard, Navy and Marine Corps and Reserve – apply in person with your ESO. Contact your branch for details on your eligibility and the branch's process for submitting tuition assistance

Each branch of the military has its own application process, forms, and Tuition Assistance (TA) benefits. Please consult your Education Services Officer (ESO) and visit Military.com for details and to start the application process.

Students wishing to use TA must contact their branch ESO and create an education plan with them. Once accepted at Albertus Magnus College, the servicemember will need to choose their term and classes in the portal. The College will upload their catalog into each portal as well as term information for selection. Once courses are chosen, an invoice

will be generated and approved by the ESO. Once approved, it will be submitted to the College for processing. At the conclusion of each term, final grades will be submitted via the portal.

Active-duty service members seeking to use TA benefits must request approval from their commanding officer via the education portal provided by their military branch. Students who are eligible for Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) Bill education benefits through the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs may qualify for active-duty tuition assistance. A certificate of eligibility (COE) may be required by the School Certifying Official.