

UCSB Military Education Benefits Estimator 2026-2027

The Post 9/11 GI Bill®, Veterans Readiness and Employment (VRE), and the CA State CalVet College Fee Waiver cover the following fees each quarter/academic year. Some of the estimates in red are based on the 2025-2026 academic year, as we are still finalizing fees for 2026-2027. Information about non-fee-paying military education benefits are also included on the next page (Chapter 35 Dependents Education Assistance and Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves). Please contact the UC Santa Barbara Veterans Benefits Team in the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships financialaid.ucsb.edu/veterans for more detailed information regarding using benefits at UCSB.

| UCSB Undergraduate Tuition/Fees | | Tuition Paying Military Education Benefits | | |
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| UC Mandatory System-Wide Fees 2026-2027 | | Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill® Federal VA Benefit | | |
| Tuition | \$4734.00 | Ch33 Post 9/11 GI Bill® Eligibility Level | Expected Quarterly Tuition Payment | Expected Yearly Tuition Payment |
| Student Services Fee | \$462 | | | |
| UC Santa Barbara Campus-Based Fees (subject to change, estimate based on 25-26) | | 100% | \$7,123.64 | \$21,370.92 |
| AS Fees | \$241.72 | 90% | \$6,411.27 | \$19,233.82 |
| Student Lock-in Fees | \$443.24 | 80% | \$5,698.91 | \$17,096.73 |
| UC Santa Barbara Other VA Covered Fees (subject to change, estimate based on 25-26) | | 70% | \$4,986.54 | \$14,959.64 |
| Mandatory Health Insurance (1) | \$1242.68 | 60% | \$4,274.18 | \$12,822.55 |
| Course Materials Fees (4) | See note | 50% | \$3,561.82 | \$10,685.46 |
| Total Cost Per Quarter | \$7,123.64 | Ch33 Post 9/11 GI Bill® Books and Supplies (2) | \$41.67 per credit hour 100% rate \$1000 max per academic year | |
| Cost Per Academic Year | \$21,370.92 | Ch33 Post 9/11 GI Bill® Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) (3) | \$3,537 max per month for a full-time student receiving 100% rate. Click for more info about Ch33. | |
| APPENDIX | | CalVet College Fee Waiver (CFW) CA State Benefit ONLY covers the UC-Wide Mandatory Tuition and Student Services Fee (5) | | |
| (1) UC Health Insurance (UCSHIP) can be waived during specified waiver periods with proof of comparable coverage. | | Expected Quarterly Waiver \$5,196.00 | Expected Yearly Waiver \$15,588.00 | |
| (2) Chapter 33 and Chapter 31 books and supplies stipend and monthly housing allowance are paid directly to the student from the VA, not to the university. | | CFW does NOT cover: books, supplies, or housing costs, UCSHIP fees or UCSB Campus-Based Fees. | | |
| (3) Ch 33 and Ch 31 MHA amounts are prorated to the dates of enrollment and paid directly to the student from the VA. | | Chapter 31 Veterans Readiness and Employment (VR&E) Federal VA Benefit (subject to change, based on 25-26) | | |
| (4) Course materials fees are covered only for courses that are required for your major/degree goal. These are usually assessed on the student's billing statement at the end of the quarter. | | Expected Quarterly Payment | Expected Yearly Payment | |
| | | \$5,880.96 | \$17,642.88 | |
| (5) CFW cannot be used simultaneously with the Cal Grant; The CFW also may reduce your UCSB scholarship once applied to your financial aid award. CFW cannot be used for self-supporting graduate programs (i.e. PACE Extension Programs) but can be used for graduate Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition Fees. | | The Chapter 31 VR&E program covers tuition/registration fees, including course material fees except for health insurance – at the 100% benefit rate of the Ch 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill® | | |
| | | Books and Supplies (2): Ch 31 VR&E covers all mandatory books/supplies, as well as UCSB parking permits. Speak to your Ch 31 VR&E counselor about allowable supply maximum amounts for the year (i.e. allowable expenses covered for computers, printers, etc.) | | |
| | | Ch 31 VR&E Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) (3) | If the VRE student has Ch 33 Post 9/11 eligibility, they will receive Ch 33 MHA at the 100% rate. If the student does NOT have Ch 33 eligibility, they will receive the Ch 31 subsistence allowance. | |
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Non-Tuition Paying Military Education Benefits

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| Chapter 35 Dependents Education Assistance (DEA)/ These numbers are not updated by the VA until Aug/Sept | Monthly Stipend \$1,574 max for a full-time student. Find more about DEA rates here. This benefit does NOT pay any tuition or fees directly to UCSB. |
| Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill® Selected Reserve/ These amounts are not updated by the VA until Aug/Sept | Monthly Stipend \$493 max for a full-time student. Find more about Ch 1606 rates here. This benefit does NOT pay any tuition or fees directly to UCSB. |

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Tuition & fee-specific awards: By law, the VA is the last payor of tuition and registration fees under Chapter 33 and Chapter 31. This means the VA will only pay the balance after the application of any other financial aid that must apply exclusively to tuition & mandatory fees. Examples of fee-specific aid are graduate fee remission, Cal Grant, CalVet College Fee Waiver, etc. This does not apply to aid that may be used for any educational cost (may be refunded to the student).

Non-Resident Tuition (NRST) & the VACAA Waiver: Students who have eligibility for Ch 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill®, VR&E Ch 31, Ch 1606 Montgomery GI Bill® Selected Reserve, or Ch 35 DEA, are eligible for the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act (VACAA) Waiver. The VACAA waiver requires that all public institutions of higher learning waive excess non-resident tuition and fees for qualifying veterans and their dependents. This allows the qualifying veteran/dependent to pay in-state tuition, even if they are not considered a California resident.

Yellow Ribbon Program (YR): UCSB is a participant in the Yellow Ribbon Program. However, with the passing of the Isakson and Roe Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020, starting in 2021-2022 with the expansion of the VACAA waiver, students who are using the Post 9/11 GI Bill® will no longer need to be awarded Yellow Ribbon as they will only be charged in-state fees. At a public university, YR was historically only for 100% eligible Chapter 33 students who are liable for non-resident tuition (non-resident without a VACAA waiver). It requires that the school pay half the difference between resident and non-resident tuition, and the VA covers the other half. YR is now irrelevant at public universities since recent legislation exempts Chapter 33 participants from Non-Resident Tuition charges.

VA Benefits Eligibility: The Department of Veterans Affairs determines all eligibility for VA benefits - not UCSB. Contact the VA Education and Training Center for information about federal benefits. Contact your local California County Veteran Services Office (VSO) for information about applying for the Cal Vet College Fee waiver.

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