



Southern States University VA Student Statement of Understanding

Student Responsibilities. As a veteran student or dependent who receives benefits based on the service of a military member you have certain responsibilities to ensure smooth receipt of Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) benefits.

Communication. You are to monitor your email account and respond to any phone call, email, or letter from SSU in a timely manner. You must inform the Veteran Services Officer of any change in your address, phone number, or email.

Changes in Schedule. You must inform immediately the Veteran Services Officer of any changes to your schedule – adds, drops, or withdrawals. Failure to do so may cause you to incur debt to the government or to SSU.

DVA Correspondence. Inform the Veteran Services Officer of any debt letters or other benefit-related correspondence you may receive from the DVA.

Benefit Payment.

Determination. Determination of eligibility and amount of payment is the sole responsibility of the DVA. SSU is responsible for reporting the tuition, fees, and course load in a timely manner, but it is the task of the DVA to process this information and provide payment. The student is ultimately responsible for all tuition and fees not covered by the DVA for any reason.

Speed of Payment. Students should declare their classes as soon as possible to the Veteran Services Officer. The sooner the declaration is processed, the sooner the DVA will begin processing the claim and generate payment. Delays in declaration will delay payments. Initial payments may take longer than normal as the DVA sets up the student's account.

Breaks between Terms. Veteran benefits are not paid during periods when classes are not in session. This includes any breaks of more than 72 hours during a term or for any period of time between terms. Students should budget their expenses with this in mind.

Accreditation and Transferability of Academic Credit. Southern States University is nationally accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS). Credits and degrees earned at nationally-accredited institutions like SSU are recognized by other nationally-accredited schools but have the potential of not being accepted by regionally-accredited schools.

Veteran Services Officer. Questions regarding your benefits may be directed to the VSO: **Lonnie Easter**, leaster@ssu.edu (619) 298-1829.

I acknowledge that the information above has been explained to me.

Printed Name of the VA Student

Signature

Date

Provide student a copy

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