

GI Bill - Veterans can use funds from the GI Bill to pay for their tuition and academic fees and a living stipend while the student is abroad, and this includes Faculty-led short term programs. The stipend is based on the home institutions zip code.

More information can be found at:

[http://www.nafsa.org/Find\\_Resources/Supporting\\_Study\\_Abroad/Financial\\_Aid/](http://www.nafsa.org/Find_Resources/Supporting_Study_Abroad/Financial_Aid/)  
and <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/resources#college-prep-and-pay>  
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/military>

Here is a basic breakdown of the information:

### **Chapter 33 or Post 9/11**

Covers tuition and fees while abroad at the 40-100% level

Provides monthly cost of living stipend while abroad

Provides one time book allowance stipend while abroad

VA tuition benefit is sent to the institution, housing stipend is sent to the student

### **Chapter 35**

Covers tuition and academic fees while abroad- based on enrollment hours

Provides monthly cost of living stipend while abroad

Money from the VA is sent to the student, not the institution

Based on the VA compliance regulations and guidance, here are the types of study abroad programs that the VA can help pay for and requirements for each:

1-Exchange

2-Direct Enroll

3-Faculty Led

4-Third Party Providers

### **Exchange**

Foreign institution must be approved

Travel cost and insurance can't be included

There is an approval process for programs that are not listed

Information can be found at- <http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchCountryCriteria.do>

### **Direct Enroll**

Must be approved program

VA \$\$\$ towards tuition and academic fees

SCO does certification

Monthly allowance based on foreign institution location

### **Faculty Led**

VA \$\$\$ towards tuition and academic fees

SCO does certification

Monthly allowance based on home institution zip code

Travel cost and insurance can't be included

Typically billed as if the student were attending the home institution

Transient students may be certified as transient at the institution running the faculty led program

### **Third Party Providers**

Foreign institution charges student tuition and academic fees

SCO does certification

VA money goes to the foreign institution