



MILITARY AND VETERAN SUCCESS CENTER

Certain reductions as stipulated by public law and VA regulations must be made before we submit the amount of Tuition and Fees to the VA. We must submit Tuition and Fees in accordance with **Public Law 111 - 377 - Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010**.

Public Law 111-377

Sec. 102. Amounts of assistance for programs of education leading to a degree pursued at public, non-public, and foreign institutions of higher learning.

The actual net cost for in-State tuition and fees assessed by the institution for the program of education after the application of—

- (I) any waiver of, or reduction in, tuition and fees; and
- (II) any scholarship, or other Federal, State, institutional, or employer-based aid or assistance (other than loans and any funds provided under section 401(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a)) that is provided directly to the institution and specifically designated for the sole purpose of defraying tuition and fees.

The VA defines Tuition as *“the actual established charges for tuition the student is required to pay. Tuition is defined in the school’s catalog or supplement and listed as tuition on the school’s billing statement or invoice.”*

Fees are defined as *“mandatory charges (other than tuition, room, and board) applied by the school for pursuit of an approved program of education. Fees include, but are not limited to, health premiums, freshman fees, graduation fees, and lab fees. Fees do not include study abroad course(s) unless the course(s) is a mandatory requirement for completion of the approved program of education. Fees are defined in the school’s catalog or supplement and listed on the school’s billing statement or invoice.”*

Fees that are not reported to the VA include:

- Penalty fees (i.e. late registration, late course changes, returned checks, repeated courses)
- Add/drop course fees
- Fees for any food or lodging expenses, meal ticket fees
- Parking fees that are not required of every student
- Overload fees for course loads that require special permission
- Transportation/transit system fees that are not required of every student

You can find the full text of Public Law 111-377 by going to govinfo.gov and searching for Public Law 111 - 377 - Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010, or by going to <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/PLAW-111publ377/summary>