

This institution is approved to offer GI Bill® educational benefits by the Mississippi State Approving Agency for all veterans under chapters 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 1606, and 1607 and VRAP of Title 38, United States Code. To be eligible for *GI Bill® educational benefits*, the veteran must meet the requirements and adhere to the policies established by the Veterans Administration and the State Approving Agency. These policies are in compliance with directives outlined by the State Veterans Affairs Approving Agency, dated February 26, 1976, and further amended. The following **requirements and policies apply to all veterans and eligible individuals who are entitled to GI Bill® educational benefits**. They may differ somewhat from the policies established by Jones College; however, the veteran must adhere to the policies established for all Jones College students.

ENROLLMENT & RECORDS

All school records and accounts pertaining to veterans and eligible persons will be readily available for examination by state and federal officials.

Students utilizing *GI Bill® educational benefits* may enroll in a Career Certificate program, Associate in Applied Science degree program, or an academic degree program. Students who enroll in an academic degree program may enroll in a general Associate in Arts degree program and will follow the curriculum outlined in the general graduation requirements.

No student will be certified until entrance requirements established by Jones College have been met. The Vice President of Enrollment Management will be responsible for ensuring that students have met the entrance requirements established by Jones College.

The Department of Veterans Affairs requires Jones College to have on file an official transcript from each college/university that the student previously attended. If the student has never attended a college/university, an official high school/GED transcript is required. Students meeting Jones College entrance requirements, but who do not have an official transcript for each previously attended college/university on file, may be certified to the Department of Veterans Affairs for two semesters. After two semesters, students who fail to provide an official transcript for each school previously attended will no longer be eligible to have classes certified to the VA.

A written record will be maintained by the Vice President of Enrollment Management and will indicate the previous education and training of veterans or eligible persons. When students are admitted to Jones College, they must declare their intended educational objectives with the Veteran's Affairs Certifying Official.

The Veteran's Affairs Certifying Official will certify to the Veterans Administration only those courses in which the student enrolls that are applicable to the student's educational objective stated on the Veterans Affairs Request for Enrollment Certification Form. Students requesting to be certified must complete the Request for Enrollment Certification each semester with the Veteran's Affairs Certifying Official. Career students will not be certified for any cooperative education course.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance policy for students utilizing *GI Bill® educational benefits* will be the same as that required for all Jones College students. Attendance requirements are found in the current Jones College Catalog. The Veteran's Affairs Certifying Official is notified in writing when a student has accumulated excessive absences as reported by the student's instructor. The achievement of excessive absences as reported by the student constitutes unsatisfactory conduct, and the student's certification will be immediately terminated unless the student appears before the Student Affairs Committee and is, with the approval of the Vice President of Student Affairs, allowed to continue enrollment for the semester or term. The Vice President of Student Affairs will notify in writing the Veteran's Affairs Certifying Official of the decision and that of the Student Affairs Committee.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

A permanent record will be maintained to show the student's progress or lack of progress for each semester attempted. Students utilizing *GI Bill® educational benefits* are required to make satisfactory progress toward degree requirements. Students who do not make satisfactory progress will be placed on scholastic probation or suspension, as defined per the regulations below.

ACADEMIC PROBATION REGULATIONS

1. Students whose term grade point average at the end of any semester is below a 1.75.

2. Students currently on probation whose term grade point average is below a 2.0 will remain on scholastic probation. Students placed on scholastic probation will be required to meet the Admissions Committee for academic counseling at the beginning of the subsequent semester. Probation may be lifted by achieving a 2.0 term GPA the subsequent semester.

ACADEMIC SUSPENSION

Academic suspension is a penalty imposed after a student has been allowed every reasonable opportunity to make satisfactory progress. The scholastic suspension period will provide an opportunity for students to reconsider their approaches to a college career or to make necessary adjustments in attitudes concerning the academic demands of college life.

Academic Suspension Regulations

1. Students whose term grade point average is below 1.5 while they are on scholastic probation.
2. Students who remain on academic probation for three consecutive semesters.
 - a. A first suspension will be for one semester. (Does not include summer)
 - b. The second suspension will be for one calendar year.

Failure of the student to notify the Veteran's Affairs Certifying Official in writing within one week of the occurrence of any change in his/her status that will affect the veteran's eligibility to receive VA education assistance in whole or in part may result in the termination of the student's certification due to unsatisfactory conduct.

When any student has been found to be guilty of any misconduct not here before mentioned, the Vice President of Student Affairs will notify in writing the Veteran's Affairs Certifying Official, who will immediately terminate the certification of the veteran due to unsatisfactory conduct.

GRIEVANCE POLICY

The grievance policy for students utilizing *GI Bill® educational benefits* will be the same as that required for all Jones College students. Grievance policy and reporting procedures are found in the current Jones College Catalog. *The Mississippi State Approving Agency (SAA), is the approving authority of education and training programs for Mississippi. Our office investigates complaints of GI Bill beneficiaries. While most complaints should initially follow the school grievance policy, if the situation cannot be resolved at the school, the beneficiary should contact our office via email at saa@msva.ms.gov.*

TUITION and FEES

[Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, section 3679 of title 38.](#)

NOTE: A Covered Individual is any individual who is entitled to educational assistance under chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, or chapter 33, Post-9/11 *GI Bill® benefits*.

Jones College must permit any covered individual to attend or participate in the course of education during the period beginning on the date on which the individual provides to Jones College a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 31 or chapter 33 (or a VAF 28-1905 form for chapter 31 authorization purposes) and ending on the earlier of the following dates:

1. The date of which payment from VA is made to the institution.
2. 90 days after the date the institution certified tuition and fees following the receipt of the certificate of eligibility.

Jones College will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or require the student to borrow additional funds due to the inability to meet his or her financial obligation to Jones College as a result of delayed payments for education assistance under Chapter 31 or Chapter 33, unless the student is less than 100% covered.