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8 TIPS FOR VETS USING THEIR EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT



REGISTRATION

- Each semester you should register for your classes and fill out your ECRF with a counselor as soon as possible. If you change any of your classes, be sure to contact your counselor and fill out another ECRF form.



HOUSING

•If you are a veteran or a dependent using your post 9/11 benefit and if housing is important to you then you should register for at least 12 credits (which is full time). Based upon a 16-week semester, if you drop down to $\frac{3}{4}$ time or 7-11 credits, you need to be aware that you will only receive 80% of your housing stipend. If you drop down to part time (6 credits or less) you will lose your housing all together.

SUMMER

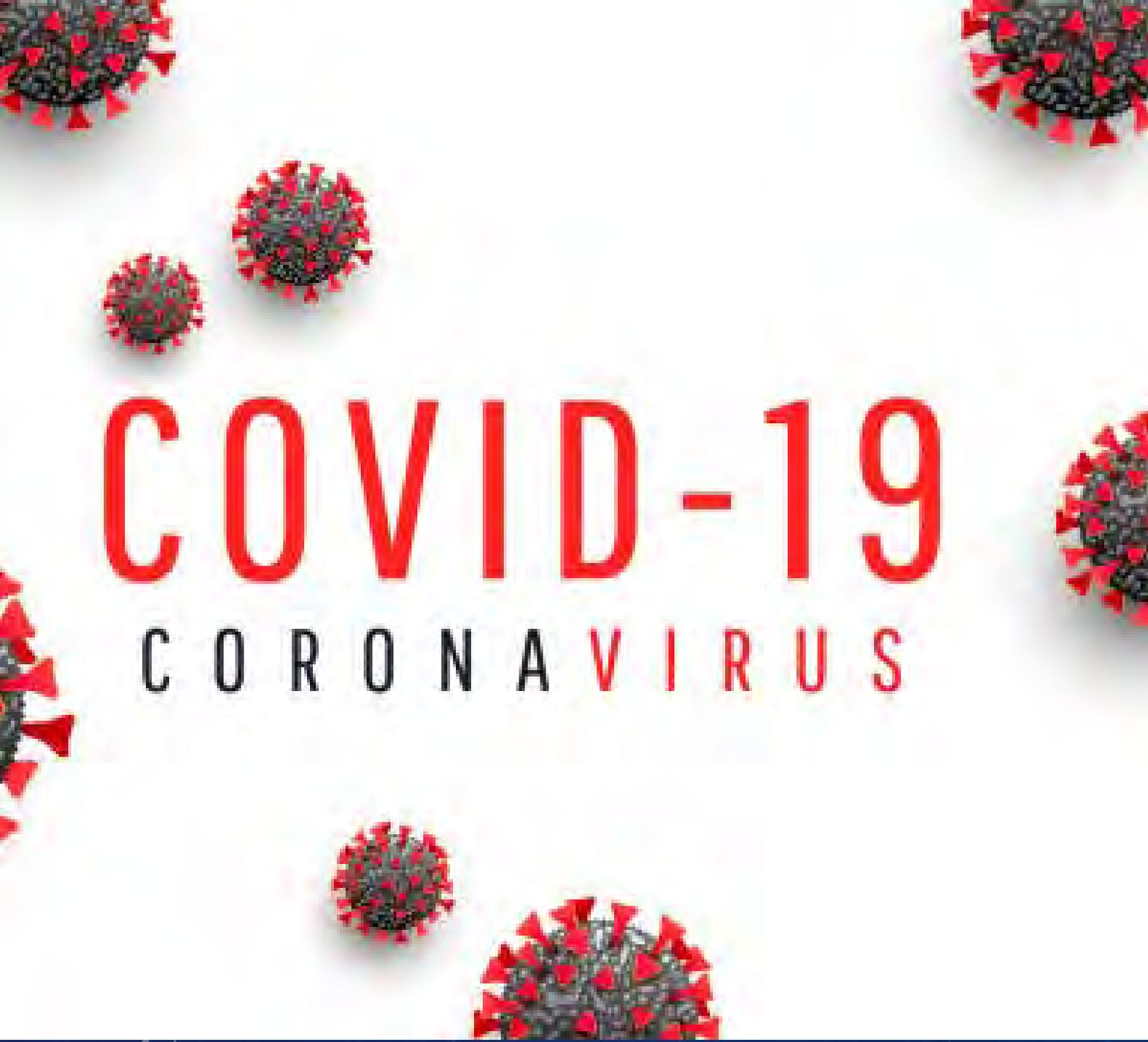
- On the other hand, if you are attending one of the 6-week summer sessions you need to take 4-6 credits (1 lecture and lab or 2 classes) to be considered full time so you can receive your full BAH housing allotment.





ONLINE COURSES

- If you like online courses, you must remember that you need to take at least one class that is physically taught on campus each semester if you want to receive your full BAH or housing benefit. If you only take online courses, be prepared to receive only 50% of your housing benefit. Again, these numbers are based on you being a full-time student taking 12 credits or more.



COVID-19

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- But, as a result of the COVID outbreak, the VA has opted to allow students who are seeking to receive 100% of their housing, to take a course with a C-19 attribute in lieu of taking a course that is physically on campus. You can find out if a course has the C-19 attribute by looking at its course description on STAR and on class availability.



TEXTBOOKS

• Student veterans and dependents receiving their Post 9/11 benefit also receive a book stipend. If your book stipend arrives late, you should always have a plan B set up to pay for your books. The bottom line is you do not want to fail any classes simply because you didn't have your books at the beginning of the semester. Also, be aware that you can use your book stipend to pay for your parking pass.



WITHDRAWING

- It is important to note that if you withdraw from your classes and get a “W” grade or accept a “N” grade you will be required to pay the VA back the cost of your class. If you drop from full time status to $\frac{3}{4}$ status or $\frac{3}{4}$ status to part time status, then you may be required to pay the VA back some of your housing as well. You will also need to repay part of your book stipend.



GRADES

- Finally, keep a close eye on your semester grades and your cumulative grade point average because if you wind up on probation and you do not see your counselor and correct your actions then you may find yourself suspended. If you are suspended, then when you return to school you may have a hard time getting the VA to continue funding you. At the very least you will be subject to more paperwork than you may like.