



**Oregon Association of Veterans
School Certifying Officials**

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The Road to Rounding Out

EDU's policy states a student may round out with any additional class(es) included within their program, even if it's not required for the specific beneficiary to graduate. Such classes must be specified by name in the approved program curriculum, and not previously completed.

Additionally, if the student has taken (or is enrolled in) every class offered as part of the program, the student may round out with classes not offered as a part of their program of education (i.e., any class offered by the educational institution).

Historical practice of "Rounding Out"

VA EDU published the Policy Advisory entitled "Revision of the VA Education Service Practice of Rounding Out". Policy effective Aug 1, 2021

"Rounding Out" courses certified are included within the program and count toward the student's graduation requirements

Section 4 of the REMOTE Act codifies VA practice of "rounding out"

If the student has taken every class offered as part of the program, the student may round out with any class



Prior to Aug 1, 2021



Jun 1, 2021



Aug 1, 2021



Dec 21, 2021



Jul 5, 2022

Course Options on a Degree Audit Report (DAR)

Courses shown will satisfy the degree requirement

[ENGL 2358](#): British and World Poetry (3 credits)
[ENGL 2359](#): British and World Prose (3 credits)
[ENGL 2410](#): Myth (3 credits)
[ENVR 2000](#): Introduction to Environmental Science (3 credits)
[GEOG 1400](#): World Regional Geography (3 credits)
[GEOG 2200](#): Introduction to Human Geography (3 credits)
[GEOG 3820](#): Geography of Asia (3 credits)
[GER 1111](#): Elementary German I (4 credits)
[GER 1112](#): Elementary German II (4 credits)
[GER 2211](#): Intermediate German I (3 credits)
[GER 2212](#): Intermediate German II (3 credits)
[GER 3311](#): Conversation and Composition (3 credits)
[GER 3312](#): Introduction to the Study of German Culture (3 credits)
[HST 1304](#): World History I, Prehistory-1500 (3 credits)
[HST 1305](#): World History II, 1500-Present (3 credits)
[HST 2580](#): Russia (3 credits)
[HST 2660](#): Women and History (3 credits)
[HST 2700](#): World Religions (3 credits)

Student has taken:

ENGL 2358, 2359	ENVR 2000
GEOG 1400, 2200	GER 1111, 1112
HIST 1304, 1305, 2580	

To Round-out, the student has available:

ENGL 2410	GEOG 3820
GER 2211, 2212, 3311, 3312	
HIST 2660, 2700	

If no other options were available, the student could take a course outside of their degree plan.



GI Bill® Student,

The practice of “rounding out” provides eligible GI Bill students in their last term with the option to take additional classes to their course load to full-time and receive a full-time monthly housing allowance. In accordance with law, VA is authorized to pay GI Bill benefits for classes that are part of an approved program of education and count toward completion of that approved program of education.

Beginning on Aug. 1, 2021, students can “round out” in their last term only if they are taking classes that are approved for a program of education. Classes approved for a program of education means those that can be used to satisfy the graduation requirements of the program as specified in the curriculum. Classes that have been previously completed cannot be used to round out the student’s course load.

To obtain full-time enrollment in their last term, they will be allowed to select from the other courses in that category.

To give an example, a student pursuing a degree in political science may have the choice to take two of four courses in government as a graduation requirement. If the student does not need a third or fourth government class for graduation but wants to round out, VA will allow the student to take those additional government courses because they are included in the student’s program of education. Chosen classes must be specified by name in the curriculum.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill has been fundamentally transformed into a lifetime learning benefit allowing for remaining entitlement to be used in the future to obtain a higher level degree, train for a career change, stay abreast of changes within a vocational field, or obtain a related vocational certification or license.

We encourage students to work with their School Certifying Official to answer any questions they may have regarding Rounding Out and how they may use it during their last term. If you are aware of any GI Bill students who require assistance with their GI Bill benefits, please have them contact the Education Call Center at 888-442-4551 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday to speak with a representative.

Respectfully,
Education Service

REVIEWING REPORT FEES FOR COMPLIANCE PROCESSES

- ECSSs, ELRs, and SAAs- Review how Reporting Fees paid to your school during compliance surveys
- Your School must document how you use Reporting Fees
- SCOs are required to have a separate account for these funds
- Documents include account number and what has been spent



COMPLIANCE IN REVIEWING ANNUAL REPORT FEES



- Surveyor will interview the primary SCO-Confirm how your school utilizes these funds
- Your document must show what you use these funds on
- If your school has 100 or VA students-surveyor will interview the primary SCO
- Be sure not to spend these funds on unacceptable expenses

Reporting Fees | Allowed, Not Allowed



Allowed:

- VA Student Graduates (Tassels & Awards)
- New VA student orientations
- Hosting training event
- SCO conference, workshop



Non Allowed:

- Building Maintenance fees
- Fees and charges by the college within its own department providing services to all student
 - **Must be used on student veterans
- Off-setting payroll for SCO when duties are not 100% VA related