Veterans/Military Student Checklist

☐ Apply for Admission to Iowa State University

All Veterans, military personnel and family member applicants must complete an application for admission. You will need to meet admission requirements as outlined for freshman, transfer, or re-entry students: http://www.veterans.iastate.edu/admission for more information on your classification. Visit: https://www.admissions.iastate.edu/apply/online/index.php to apply.

☐ Apply for GI Bill benefits

Complete the Veterans Online Application (VONAPP) at www.gibill.va.gov. If the VA finds you eligible, they will mail you a “Certificate of Eligibility” or an “Award Letter” with information about your benefit. Please submit a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility to the VA Certifying Officials in the Registrar’s Office immediately upon receipt. You can drop the document off in person, email or fax it to 214 Enrollment Services Center, veterans@iastate.edu, or fax 515-294-1088.

☐ Complete a “Request for Certification” form for the appropriate semester(s)

Do not wait to receive your certificate of eligibility before you complete/submit this form. You must do this every semester and complete a separate request for summer, if applicable.

☐ Drop off a copy of your DD-214

Deliver a copy of your DD-214 (Member 4 Copy) to the Registrar’s Office (214 Enrollment Services Center) in order to update your TSI exemption status. This must be done!

☐ Attend Orientation

Once you’ve been accepted to Iowa State and plan to enroll, attend an orientation session. At orientation, you will be able to meet with an academic adviser, register for classes, obtain your ISUCard, etc. For more information, visit http://www.admissions.iastate.edu/orientation/.

☐ Obtain your ISUCard (student identification card)

This can be done at 0530 Beardshear Hall. For more information go to: http://www.isucard.iastate.edu/.

☐ Establish an ISU Computer Account

Activate your computer account through IT Services. Visit http://www.it.iastate.edu/foryou/students/ for more information. For assistance, call the helpdesk at 515-294-4000 or email solution@iastate.edu.

☐ Meet with your Academic Adviser

Your adviser will help you develop a suitable educational plan, identify appropriate courses, and assist in identifying a major. Consult with your college to coordinate a meeting with your adviser. Ask about applying Military Credit towards your degree: http://www.admissions.iastate.edu/military/credit.php
Sign up for Veterans Compass Briefing

Visit:  http://www.veterans.iastate.edu  Email: veteranscenter@iastate.edu

Register for Classes

Register for classes through AccessPlus and search for current course listings: http://classes.iastate.edu/.

Sign up for a Parking Permit

During the registration process you may sign up for a parking permit, opt to pay tuition & fees on an installments plan, and reserve textbooks through the Iowa State University Bookstore.

Verify your Enrollment (monthly)

If you are a Chapter 30, 1606, or 1607 benefit recipient, you must go onto the Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE) website at www.gibill.va.gov to verify your enrollment monthly. If internet is not available, you can also verify your enrollment monthly by phone at 1-877-838-2778. This must be done at the end of every month to receive the previous month’s attendance/benefit.

Inform VA Certifying Officials of changes

Keep your VA Certifying Official informed of any changes in your enrollment status (add/drop, withdrawal, change of major, etc.) as any of these may affect your benefit. Their contact information can be found at http://www.veterans.iastate.edu/contact.

Questions?

If you have any questions/concerns, please contact the Iowa State Veterans Center: veteranscenter@iastate.edu, phone 515-294-9801, or in person. The Veterans Center is located in room 3578 of the Memorial Union and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Veterans Center also offers a Veterans Lounge/study area.