

CATALOG ADDENDUM
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NOTICE CONCERNING TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDITS AND CREDENTIALS EARNED AT OUR INSTITUTION

The transferability of credits you earn at the Los Angeles Film School is at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek transfer. Acceptance of the degree you earn in the program is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek transfer. If the credits or degree that you earn at this institution are not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all of your coursework at that institution. For this reason you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending the Los Angeles Film School to determine if your credits or degree will transfer.

Please note that Veterans receiving GI Bill® benefits while attending the school are required to submit transcripts for any previous education or training for evaluation, granting of prior credit, and possible shortening of the length of the program.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Veteran's Education Benefits

The school is authorized to train student's receiving Veteran's Education Benefits as approved by the Department of Veteran's Affairs. Awards are determined by application with the Veteran's Education Department and funding is disbursed directly to the institution for the Post 9/11 GI Bill® and the Yellow Ribbon Program (all other Chapters disburse funding directly to the student).

CREDIT BALANCES

The school receives financial aid funds for each student in two disbursements for each academic year of study. If a student borrows more than tuition to cover additional education-related costs, the student will be requested to sign an authorization form to hold a federal student aid credit balance. Upon receipt of borrower signature on the form, the school will refund the credit balance owed. The school receives disbursements each semester based on packaged and guaranteed financial aid. If a student borrows more than tuition to cover additional education costs within the confines of the Cost of Attendance (e.g., final project or living expenses), a stipend check will be issued to the student based on the following credit balance policy: All tuition for the semester in which a credit balance is scheduled must be received before a student can receive a stipend check. Any delays in providing documentation to financial aid or adjustments due to verification changes may result in a delay of the stipend check.

Due to circumstances outside the institution's control, there are instances when a scheduled disbursement does not occur as the result of a processing error with the lender or the Department of Education. When this happens, the funds do not post to the student's account on the expected date. This situation will result in a delay of the stipend check as funds must be received in order to issue any credit balances to the student. The school will do everything possible to ensure that the matter is resolved as quickly as possible so as not to result in a lengthy delay.

Schools must disburse credit balances to students within 14 days as a requirement of the U.S. Department of Education. Credit balances only occur after a disbursement is made on a student account. Once funds are received, the school can guarantee that a stipend check will be issued within 14 days between the date of disbursement to the institution and the issuing of a stipend check to a student. We encourage students to plan accordingly.

If a student is using Stafford Loans as part of their total Financial Aid package, please note that there is a 30-day waiting period for the initial disbursement of loans to first time borrowers (this only applies for stipends issued in the first semester of the freshman academic year of study). Depending on the amount of funds borrowed above tuition and fees, this delay in Stafford loans will result in one of the following scenarios:

- If the projected stipend is less than net award of Stafford loan(s), there will be a delay of the entire stipend check until federal loans have disbursed and generated a credit balance on the student account.
- If the projected stipend is more than the net award of Stafford loan(s), there will be two stipend checks issued. The first will be based on a credit balance from funding not subject to the 30-day Stafford loan delay. The second check will be based on the additional credit balance that occurs as a result of the Stafford loan disbursement(s) following the 30-day rule.

Per U.S. Department of Education regulations, the institution is required to issue credit balances for PLUS loans directly to the parent borrower unless we receive authorization in writing from the parent borrower (prior to loan disbursement) to release the check to the student. Please contact Financial Aid for more information and a copy of this form. If a student does not attend one or more terms, a stipend in a subsequent semester may be reduced based on a change in enrollment status (this particularly impacts federal aid recipients).

For students utilizing Post-911 GI Bill® benefits and planning to use federal aid towards a credit balance on the student account, please note that disbursements of VA funding occurs at monthly intervals based on certification of attendance. The school must wait

until all tuition and fees for a semester are paid for before a stipend check can be issued. This may mean that the student will have to wait until the end of the semester before all monthly payments from the VA have been received before a credit balance shows up on the account and a check can be processed. Additionally, the Department of Veterans Affairs can take up to three months to issue disbursements to an institution upon certification of attendance, which may also result in delays of any potential credit balances to the student account. We encourage all Post-9/11 GI Bill® students to utilize their monthly BAH stipend from the Veteran's Administration and budget accordingly until all funding has been received for a semester of study.

If a student borrows a private loan to cover living expense costs, all tuition and fees for a semester must be paid before a stipend check can be issued.

All students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress in order to receive timely disbursements of federal financial aid and subsequent stipend checks. Please see the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy in the Academic Policies and Procedures section for further details.

All fees for tuition, security deposit, and laptop/software package are deducted from the first stipend check. There is no option to defer these deductions from any future disbursements. The security deposit is refundable upon graduation and is contingent upon the student returning the equipment undamaged, cleared of all outstanding fees with Business Office, and receiving proper clearance from the Library, Student Development, and Operations. Laptop costs are non-refundable.

MILITARY & VETERAN STUDENTS

The Los Angeles Film School's Military Services Department supports veterans and active-duty servicemembers who want to pursue their education in the field of entertainment and media arts. We offer:

- Military advisors who understand the culture and lingo;
- Yellow Ribbon tuition contributions with no maximum cap;
- Help navigating the application process for GI Bill® benefits and other financial aid;
- Credit for applicable military training and education;

Additional information regarding specific policies and procedures as well as special services and events for military and veteran students is available on our website at: <http://www.lafilm.edu/military> or by contacting the team at military@lafilm.edu.

EDUCATION BENEFIT PROGRAMS

In some cases military educational benefits will not cover the entire cost of tuition. All military students with a gap in tuition will need to secure their enrollment in congruence with school policies prior to starting class. Veteran students applying for military benefits are encouraged to speak with a military benefits advisor at The Los Angeles film School prior to enrolling for any benefit. To do so, please call or send an email to military@lafilm.edu.

MILITARY TUITION ASSISTANCE

Eligibility and the amount of active duty or reserve tuition assistance is determined by the branch of service. Students must independently apply for tuition assistance through their command/on base. Tuition assistance is paid directly to the institution.

TRANSFER CREDIT POLICY

Students using Veterans Affairs benefits are required to submit transcripts from all prior colleges or universities attended for evaluation. The Veterans Affairs Department will not pay for any courses that were completed at a prior school. Students are therefore encouraged to submit transcripts as early as possible in the admissions process. The school will certify Veterans Affairs benefits through a student's first academic year until prior transcripts are received. However, if the school accepts transfer credit for any coursework completed at the school prior to receiving a student's transcripts, the student will be responsible for the tuition costs and will be required to repay all BAH (Basic Allowance Housing) received for those courses.

CHAPTER 30, THE MONTGOMERY GI Bill® – ACTIVE DUTY

Veterans who entered active duty beginning July 1, 1985 and who participated in the 12-month pay reduction program while on active duty. Also includes Chapter 32 active duty persons with eligibility as of October 1, 1996 who elected to participate in the Montgomery GI Bill®. Eligibility is decided by the VA. Benefits are paid directly to the student.

CHAPTER 31, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Veterans with a service-connected disability, or who are rated 10 percent or more disabled according to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Eligibility is decided by a VA caseworker. Tuition is paid directly to the School; other benefits may be paid to the student.

CHAPTER 32, VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Veterans who entered active duty between January 1, 1977 and June 30, 1985 and who contributed to the program while on active duty.

CHAPTER 33, THE POST-9/11 GI Bill®

Veterans who accumulated at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001 with an honorable discharge, or those who received a service-connected disability after 30 days of service may be eligible for Chapter 33, as determined by the VA. Tuition and fees are paid directly to the School, with BAH and book stipends paid directly to the student. All payments are proportionate to Chapter 33 eligibility rating, with BAH payments based on DoD calculator (use school zip code for an E-5 with dependents). This benefit is frequently revised. Please refer to the VA for comprehensive changes to this benefit.

CHAPTER 33/TEB, THE POST-9/11 GI Bill® TRANSFER

This option is for Chapter 33-eligible service members to transfer unused benefits wholly or in increments to spouses and/or children.

THE YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM, A COMPONENT OF CHAPTER 33, THE POST-9/11 GI Bill®

The School is a proud participant in this joint tuition grant-matching program with the VA for students who are entitled to the 100% eligibility rate. Yellow Ribbon amounts are applied solely and directly to tuition.

CHAPTER 35, SURVIVORS AND DEPENDENTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For spouses or children of veterans who died on active duty, whose death was caused by a service-connected disability, or who are rated by the VA as 100 percent permanently disabled.

CHAPTER 1606, THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL® – SELECTED RESERVE

Benefits are paid directly to eligible individuals who have committed to the required length of enlistment in the Selected Reserve. Chapter 1607, Reserve Educational Assistance Program Chapter 1607 is potentially payable for individuals in the reserves who were recalled for active duty for at least 90 days beginning September 11, 2001 or later. Eligibility is determined by either DoD or DHS.

MYCAA, MILITARY SPOUSE CAREER ADVANCEMENT ACCOUNT

MyCAA is available to spouses of active duty service members in pay grades E1-E5, W1-W2, and O1-O2, including the spouses of activated Guard and Reserve members within those ranks. Spouses of Guard and Reserve members must be able to start and complete their courses while their sponsor is on Title 10 orders.

BENEFIT RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES Veterans receiving Veteran Administration funding for any portion of their program are responsible to directly notify the campus certifying official or military benefits advisor of any change of status in their program to include:

- Transferring credits to program from another institution
- Testing out of a class
- Receipt of a failing grade for an entire class
- Modifications to the original program sequence as outlined in the catalog
- Change of program
- Switching from an accelerated program track to an extended track or vice versa
- Exiting the program

Students are expected to contact the military benefits advisor by visiting in person, speaking with them over the telephone, or emailing: military@lafilm.com. Failure to communicate program changes may cause overpayment or underpayment of tuition and/or fees, which may result in debt collection practices from the VA's Debt Management agency or BAH withholding. VA instructs institutions to cut refund checks to students who are issued overpayments for these reasons only, in accordance with The School's refund policy. All other monies will be returned to the issuing agency. The Los Angeles Film School's Military Services Department supports veterans and active-duty servicemembers who want to pursue their education in the field of entertainment and media arts.