

March 27, 2020

## **GI Bill and OMVS Updates**

**Effective Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**, UNO will conduct all classes in remote learning mode. Instructors will deploy a range of digital technology tools (Canvas, Zoom, Vidgrid, etc.) to enable students to continue their academic coursework uninterrupted for the remainder of the Spring 2020 semester.

### **GI Bill Updates**

On Saturday, March 21, 2020, the President signed into law **§3503**, which clarifies how the Department of Veterans Affairs should treat in-person courses of study that convert to distance learning formats due to health-related situations and other emergencies.

This law allows the VA to continue to pay benefits given the current shift from resident training to online training due to COVID-19. There is no action required on your part as UNO will not change any benefit certifications for Spring 2020. We are, however, still required to submit withdrawals, drops, or increases in enrollment.

Students will continue to receive the same monthly housing allowance payments that they received for resident training until January 1, 2021 or until the school resumes normal operations of resident training. The VA is working to immediately implement the new changes to address current and future school terms to ensure students continue to receive their education benefits.

*Please note: OMVS is working closely with the VA and UNO leadership to answer questions about Summer 2020 enrollment and benefits. More information will be provided via email and on the OMVS website once available.*

### **VA Debt Management Center Relief**

If COVID-19 is impacting your ability to repay a debt with VA's Debt Management Center and you are in need of temporary financial relief, please contact DMC at 1-800-827-0648 to request assistance.

**Office of Military and Veteran Services Updates**

The OMVS team will be serving students remotely until further notice, and will be available during the hours of 8:00AM-5:00PM, Monday through Friday. We are happy to connect with you through the following channels:

Phone | 402.554.2349

Email | [unovets@unomaha.edu](mailto:unovets@unomaha.edu)

We will continue to provide information and support military, veterans, and their families. If these challenging times present any financial, personal, or emotional hardship, please reach out to OMVS or visit [UNO's COVID-19 Updates webpage](#) to see what resources and services are available to you.

We appreciate your patience and flexibility during this time. We are in this together.

**- OMVS Staff**