

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION ACAF Academic Affairs		POLICY NUMBER ACAF 5.01
POLICY TITLE Veterans Services Eligibility Policy		
SCOPE USC System		DATE OF REVISION September 19, 2023
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost		ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE Office of the Provost

PURPOSE

Institutions of higher learning having students enrolled who are pursuing an educational objective and receiving educational assistance from the Veterans Administration under the provisions of Chapters 30, 31, 33, 35, 1606 and 1607, Title 38, United States Code, are required by Federal VA Regulations to set standards of progress and submit them to the License Division of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education for approval. The standards of progress are:

- A. Grading system
- B. Probationary period
- C. Conditions for dismissal and re-entry
- D. Conduct of students and circumstances for dismissal
- E. Records kept by the school
- F. Attendance policy

DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

POLICY STATEMENT

Academic standards of progress and attendance are covered under school standards of progress as specified by the South Carolina State Approving Agency (SAA) and required by the US Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). The USC Office of Veterans Services can be reached at (803) 777-5156.

PROCEDURES

- A. Broad minimum standards and requirements have been established by the SAA for schools with courses approved under Title 38, United States Code, 1775 (accredited).

- B. The University is responsible for developing its own specific standards of progress within the framework established by federal VA regulations. Frequently, the school's own academic standards of progress, attendance, and conduct already meet requirements set forth in federal VA regulations and separate standards need not be established.
- C. The university must submit these standards of progress, via the University Provost, to the SAA for approval for eligible VA student training.
- D. The University is expected to implement and enforce approved standards and criteria.

RELATED UNIVERSITY, STATE AND FEDERAL POLICIES

HISTORY OF REVISIONS

DATE OF REVISION	REASON FOR REVISION
February 5, 1999	New policy approval
October 18, 2016	Policy organization, content, and accuracy reviewed in October 2016. No substantive revisions required.
September 19, 2023	Updated to standard template with policy moving from Student Affairs (STAF) policy division to the Academic Affairs (ACAF) policy division and renumbered.