



Professional Flight Statement of Understanding (SOU)

Students must read this document and sign acknowledging he/she understands how to properly utilize Federal VA Education benefits with the Professional Flight program.

Please submit the completed form to the VRC at <http://veterans.auburn.edu/required-documents/>.

Note: Chapter 33: Post 9/11 GI Bill ® is the only Federal VA Education benefit that covers the required costs affiliated with the Professional Flight program.

For **enrollment certification** for VA, I understand that:

- My enrollment will be sent to the VA for processing each semester. If I wish to not utilize my VA Education benefit for a certain semester, I will notify the VRC via email before the beginning of term at veterans@auburn.edu
- The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) will not include the 2 credit hours of my flight lab in my enrollment certification to the VA until the AU Department of Aviation has alerted the VRC that I have begun the course. (example: I am enrolled in 12 credit hours. 2 hours are a flight lab. I will be certified for 10 hours. When I begin my flight lab, the VRC will adjust my enrollment to reflect 12 hours.) I understand this can impact my monthly stipend.

For **CH33 (POST 9/11)**, I understand that:

- The VA will only cover the cost of my ground school fees and flight instruction fees that are required, listed, and approved by the Alabama State Approving Agency (SAA).
- I must pay any expense not covered per entitlement listed on my Certificate of Eligibility (COE) from the VA. (Examples could be 50% eligibility, out of degree plan course, etc.)
- The VRC cannot bill my flight lab until the AU Department of Aviation has alerted the VRC that I have begun the class and the proper amount is listed on my AU eBill.

For **Flight Fees** I understand that:

- Flight lab courses have an associated flight fee established by the Department of Aviation prior to each academic year. The VA will only cover this amount as it is approved by the Alabama State Approving Agency (SAA).
- Flight fees cover aircraft, flight simulation, flight instructor, and FAA knowledge exams.
- If I require additional training, such as proficiency training and/or review flights, that it is my financial responsibility to cover these costs as the VA does not provide payment for this type of training.

For **Flight Lab Course Schedule Adjustments**, I understand that:

- With the approval of my advisor, instructor, and associate dean, I may add classes after the 15th class day, prior to the Last Day to Withdraw date that is published in the AU Academic Calendar.
- My Advisor will not enroll me in the next flight lab until I have successfully completed the previous lab.
- If I finish a flight lab in the middle of a term, I must wait until the next term begins to start participating in the next flight lab in order for the VA to cover the affiliated costs.
- If I do not begin a flight lab during the first 5 days of the beginning of the term, the VA will only send a prorated payment towards my flight costs and the rest is my financial responsibility.

For **Course Incompletes**, I understand that:

- If I am unable to complete a flight lab course within the registered term, I am able to continue flying the course during the next term, until successful completion.
- If I am unable to complete a flight lab course within the registered term, I will be assigned a grade of "No Grade Reported" (NR). I have up to 6 months from the last day of the term, as determined by the Chief Flight Instructor, to complete the flight lab per AU Grading Policy.

I have read and understand this Professional Flight Statement of Understanding.

Signed Name: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____