

OFFICE OF MILITARY AND VETERAN STUDENT SERVICES

VETERAN AND MILITARY- CONNECTED STUDENT ORIENTATION

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WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Congratulations on your decision to begin or continue your educational goals at the University of the District of Columbia. Whether you are continuing your education or just getting started; currently serving on active duty; a reservist; a national guardsman; a veteran or a family member; we have the programs to help you complete your personal mission of achieving your educational goals.
- If you have any questions throughout the academic year, please do not hesitate to call us. We understand the military and the challenges of transitioning to civilian life. Our dedicated admissions counselors, experienced military leadership, and military-trusted faculty are here to serve you.
- Here are the following contact number for the Office of Military and Veteran Student Services: Sequoyah Adebayo, ABD-Director of Veterans Affairs, Sequoyah.Adebayo@udc.edu, 202-274-6099, Victoria Harper, MBA/MHA-Coordinator of Veteran Affairs, Victoria.Harper@udc.edu, 202-274-6099.

AGENDA

- Documents needed to get started
- Type of Education Benefit
- Certification
- **■** Transfer Credit
- Health Insurance
- Key to Success
- Residency
- Follett Bookstore Waiver
- Vocational Readiness and Employment
- Cost of Tuition and Fees

GETTING STARTED

Required Documents for Certification:

Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

DD-214 (If you are the Veteran)

Completion of VA Educational Enrollment Request Form

KNOW YOUR BENEFITS



- Department of Defense (DOD)
 - > Tuition Assistance (TA)
 - Advanced Civil Schooling (ACS)
- Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)
 - Chapter 1606: Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves (MGIB-SR)
 - Chapter 30: Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (MGIB-AD)
 - Chapter 31: Veteran Readiness and Employment Service (VR&E)
 - Chapter 35: Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA)
 - ➤ Chapter 33: Post-9/11 GI Bill
 - > Fry Scholarship
 - > Transferred Post 9/11 GI Bill
 - > **Yellow Ribbon Program**

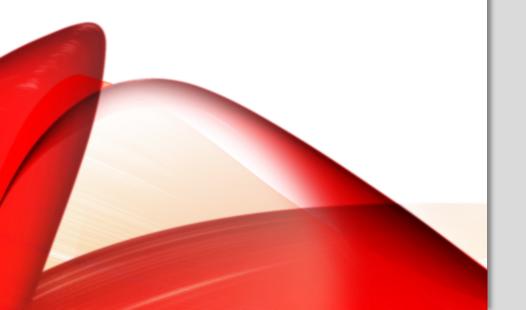
CERTIFICATION



- > This office works as the liaison between the Department of Veteran Affairs and the student(s).
- Every semester that you desire certification of VA Educational benefits, you must complete the VA Educational Enrollment Request Form. Here's the

link: https://www.udc.edu/military/va-education-enrollment-form/

CERTIFICATION



STUDENTS RESPONSIBILITY

- > Provide Proof of Benefits.
- > Request to be certified.
- Update School Certifying Official when add/drop classes.
- > Pay balances not covered by benefits sent to the school.
- > Notify the School Certifying Official of Enrollment Changes.

School Certifying Official (SCO)

- > Collect certification requests.
- Verify course calendar and tuition rates are accurate.
- > Certify student enrollment to Veteran Affairs.
- > Send adjudicate certifications when student enrollment changes.

CERTIFICATION TIMELINE



- Student provides the required certification documents. (COE or Electronic Authorization)
- > Student completes the request for certification.
- Student is certified an initial time for only credit hours so that the Department of Veterans Affairs begins to process their book allowance and housing allowance based on current enrollment.
- Create and disburse Office of Military and Veteran Student Services book vouchers for VRE Students who have enrolled for the upcoming semester.
- Alert the registrar's office regarding students who should be protected from the university purge because they are receiving VA educational benefits. (Requested funds are expected around October for Fall and March for Spring semesters.)

CERTIFICATION TIMELINE CONTINUED



- Wait until after the add/drop date to re-certify students, this time requesting funds to cover the student tuition and fees. Additionally, the student's credit hours from the initial certification are confirmed, and a check for any non-federal funds must be reported to the VA, i.e. scholarships.
- For VRE students, the charges from the bookstore are retrieved and reviewed. An invoice inclusive of tuition, fees, and bookstore charges is then created and sent to the respective VRE offices for payment.
- > Await the funds that should arrive within 14-30 business days after they are requested.

CERTIFICATION



- When you are certified, we are letting the VA know the number of credit hours in which you have enrolled. If that changes, please let us know so that we can adjust your certification.
- > If we do not update it, the VA might overpay you, which will result in delays in future payments or having to repay the VA.
- > Also, be sure you are taking courses that are directly aligned with your academic plan.
- If you have any certification questions, please email Sequoyah Adebayo at Sequoyah.Adebayo@udc.edu and Victoria Harper at Victoria.harper@udc.edu.

CERTIFICATION



- Remember, we certify you two times each semester.
 - ➤ The first time occurs before the semester begins to give the Department of Veteran Affairs a chance to process a student's BAH and book voucher if applicable (Chapter 33).
 - > The second certification occurs after the add/drop deadline to request/ report tuition and fees.
- Both times you will get an email from the VA when any changes or updates occur to your account.

TRANSFER CREDIT



- > Do you have any Military credits to transfer?
- ➤ The Joint Services Transcript (JST) is a synchronized transcript presenting data for the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard.
- ➤ Each JST is "owned" by the service member's or veteran's specific service, so you will see each service seal with the American Council on Education (ACE) seal on the top.
- > Electronic JST are free.

WEB RESOURCES

- ACE Transcript Website (www.acenet.edu/militaryprograms/jst
- Joint Services Transcript (https://jst.doded.mil)

TRANSFER CREDIT



CONTACT SERVICE-SPECIFIC EMAIL SUPPORT

- Army JST Password Reset or Access Issues Only (<u>usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-jst@mail.mil</u>)
- Marine JST- (<u>jst@doded.mil</u>)
- Navy JST (jst@doded.mil)
- > Coast Guard JST (CGI-SMB-JST@uscg.mil)
- > JST Operations (<u>ist@doded.mil</u>)

HEALTH INSURANCE



- > The purpose of the Health Services is to ensure a healthy campus environment and to promote individual health to all members of our University community.
- > Everyone must have insurance.
- > If you would like to keep the University Health insurance, DO NOT complete the waiver.
- > If you would like to waive the insurance, the following is the insurance waiver site:

www.FirstStudent.com

which will open from 08/02/2023-09/01/2023 to waive coverage for Fall 2023-2024 school year.

KEYS TO SUCCESS



- > Check your email.
- > Communicate needs/issues before the problem gets too bad.
- > Never feel that you are alone.
- Incorporate time management skills into your daily routines.
- > Be organized.
- > Most importantly, stay focused on all your dreams and aspirations that begin after you earn your degree!

RESIDENCY



- > The University of the District of Columbia is a public institution.
- We have 3 different tuition rates inclusive of Instate, Metro, and Out-of-State.
 http://www.udc.edu/docs/admissions/Residency%20Policy.pdf

RESIDENCY



- You (a student veteran or a dependent) may be eligible to receive military preference regarding residency if:
 - > Active duty and domicile in DC or the Metro area or
 - > Separated from service (proof is the DD-214) within the last 3 years and domicile in DC or the Metro area.

RESIDENCY



- If you are on Active Duty, please provide a copy of:
 - > Orders (showing active duty)
 - Marriage certificate (if a spouse is trying to get a tuition discount)
 - Birth certificate (if a child is trying to get the tuition discount)
 - Lease (showing you are domiciled in the District or Metro Area)
 - > State Issued ID with picture
- If you are using your DD-214 as proof, please provide a copy of the following:
 - DD-214 (Separation date within 3 years of the beginning of that academic term)
 - Lease (showing you are domiciled in the District or Metro Area)
 - > State Issued ID with picture

FOLLETT BOOKSTORE WAIVER



- ➤ The Follett Access program takes the hassle out of course material buying because course material costs are covered as part of the Follett All Access Fee that will be assessed to all registered student accounts at the time of course registration. This allows every enrolled student access to all required materials on the first day of classes.
- Once you have selected your courses, your course list will be sent to the UDC Bookstore. The campus store will get everything ready for you. If books are shipped you will receive an email notification from <u>CUSTOMERSERVICE@EFOLLETT.COM</u>.
- > Students will be charged \$34 per credit hour. For example, if you are taking 12 credit hours, you will be charged \$408.00 (12 x 34 = 408) for access to the program. That is \$237 less than the national average of \$645 per semester.
- > Students may opt out of the program by the specified deadline each semester by visiting: https://accessportal.follett.com/0742.

VOCATIONAL READINESS AND **EMPLOYMENT**

- ➢ If you have a service-connected disability that limits your ability to work or prevents you from working, Veteran Readiness and Employment (formerly called Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment) can help. This program—also known as Chapter 31 or VR&E—helps you explore employment options and address education or training needs. In some cases, your family members may also qualify for certain benefits.
- Please visit the following website to see if you are eligible to participate in this program: Eligibility For Veteran Readiness And Employment | Veterans Affairs (va.gov).
- > If you are planning to use this benefit, please ensure you have complete a degree audit and your counselor has sent an electronic authorization.
- > This benefit covers all required textbooks and \$50 in supplies. If you need additional supplies, please let the office know.

UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FLAGSHIP TUITION AND FEE SCHEDULE FOR UNDERGRADUATE

Tuition- (Undergraduate, DC Resident

- > 1 credit hour: \$324.00 per semester
- > 6 credit hours: \$1,9400.00 per semester
- > 12 credit hours: \$3,888 per semester

Tuition- (Undergraduate, DC Metro

- > 1 credit hour: \$374.00 per semester
- > 6 credit hours: \$2,244.00 per semester
- > 12 credit hours: \$4,080.00 per semester

Tuition- (Undergraduate, Non-Resident

- > 1 credit hour: \$680.00 per semester
- > 6 credit hours: \$4,080.00 per semester
- > 12 credit hours: \$8,160.00 per semester

SCHOOL FEES



- > Activity Fee \$35
- > Athletic/Recreation Fee \$105
- > Health Services Fee \$25
- > Technology Fee \$75
- > Student Center Fee \$140
- > Career and Professional Fee \$40
- > Sustainability Fee \$10

OTHER POTENTIAL FEES



- > Duplicate I.D. Card Fee \$15
- > Enrollment/Orientation Fee \$100
- ➤ Graduate Writing Proficiency Exam \$50
- ➤ Graduation/Commencement Fee \$125
- ➤ Laboratory Fee \$50
- ➤ Late Registration Fee \$150
- > Return check Fees of \$50
- > Credit by Exam (Per Credit Hour) \$50
- > Transcript Fee \$5
- Student Health Insurance Fee (Varies)
- > Fees are required for every student each semester, including the summer term(s).
- > This fee is in addition to tuition charges per course.

COST OF ATTENDANCE WORKSHEET



Cost of Attendance

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➤ Fees	
> Housing	
> Food	
> Transportation _	
➤ Books	

➤ Other Expenses _____

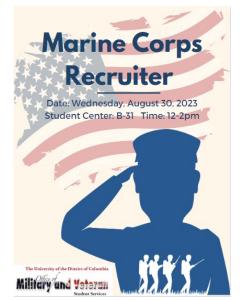
UPCOMING EVENTS













THANK YOU, VETERANS!

