

# Serving prospective and current military-connected students

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# Services for military-connected students

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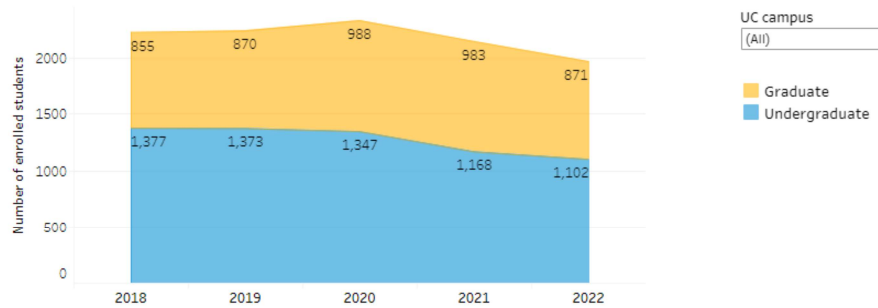
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# Military-connected students at UC

## UC military-affiliated student enrollment

UC systemwide military-affiliated student enrollment by student level, 2018 - 2022



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California  
Community  
Colleges

- Most of UC's veterans who enroll as undergraduates started at a California Community College.
- UC undergraduate veterans receive substantial grants and scholarships, in addition to VA education benefits for which many student veterans are eligible.
- More than 2,000 veterans and students with military affiliation attend UC

# Military-connected education benefits

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits
- U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) education benefits
- California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) education benefits
  - Locating your School Certifying Officials (SCO) within the UC system

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All UC campuses are authorized to process U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits, including Chapter 30, 31, 33, 35, and 1606

The following UC campuses have a MOU with the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) to process Tuition Assistance (TA) benefits

- UC Davis
- UC Irvine
- UC Los Angeles
- UC Merced
- UC Riverside
- UC San Diego
- UC San Francisco
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz

Lastly, all UC campuses process the CalVet College Fee Waiver, this is a state VA education benefit

# Services for prospective transfers



- Veteran student liaison for UC admissions advising purposes
- Programming collaboration between outreach and Veteran Center
- Participation in regional meetings with CCC Veteran Services staff
- Representatives at CCC coordinated Veteran Fairs and other events



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These are some examples of ways that outreach from undergrad admissions can support prospective vet students.

1. A designated staff person that is dedicated to providing support to the population and is able to address FAQs and advise on the transfer admission process
2. Collaborating on events and programs during Fall Preview Days and yield events
3. If appropriate, VSC staff or CCC staff can invite undergrad admissions to regional meetings to exchange updates and ideas
4. CCC staff are welcome to invite both VCS staff and outreach staff to events since each are experts in their respective areas

## Services for current UC students

- Priority registration for classes
- Veteran-specific campus orientation
- Academic advising and career counseling
- Financial services such as a deferred payment plan, short-term loans, and campus VA work study
- Pre- and post-deployment support
- Veteran housing services and student centers
- Student veteran organizations



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- Student should connect with their UC Veterans Resource Center to receive these services
- Centers will connect them with financial aid resources needed to process benefits
- Orientations usually held in summer and connected with VRCs through those orientation opportunities
- Pre- and post-deployment support involves Registrar and VRCs since it readmission issue
- Students can connect to VRCs to initiate available veteran housing program

# UC application and military credit transfer

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# Reporting status on the UC application

Please tell us more about yourself

Check all that apply to you: \*

- I am married or in a civil union/registered domestic partnership ⓘ
- I have children
- I've been in foster care or am a ward of the court in the United States
- When I attend UC, I will be a current or former member of the U.S. military

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- On active duty ⓘ
- Reservist (not including ROTC)
- National Guard member
- Military veteran who served on active duty ⓘ
- ROTC cadet or NROTC midshipman

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Check if you plan to submit an official U.S. military transcript (AARTS, SMART, JST or CGI) ⓘ

▼ About you

- Personal information ✓
- Contact information ✓
- Citizenship & residency ✓
- Demographics ✓
- Your background
- Your household
- Parent information
- Statement of Legal Residence
- Review
- > Campuses & majors
- > Academic history

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- Students should indicate their veteran status in this area of the UC admission application
- We encourage incorporating their experiences in the Personal Insight Questions responses and/or the additional comments section
- Awards earned during active service are also relevant and valued

# Reporting coursework on the UC application

## Military academies & colleges

- Report in academic history section, listing all institutions and courses
- Examples: Defense Language Institute (DLI), Community College of the Air Force (CCAF)

*Service dates should be clarified in employment or gap in education sections*

## Joint Service Transcript (JST)

- Cannot be entered as institution, student should indicate JST in academic comment section

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- Military Academics & Colleges
  - Report academics and colleges as institutions in the academic history section, along with completed/in progress/planned coursework and grades
  - Students must report all colleges attended and coursework completed, regardless of grades received or whether or not they want to receive credit for courses
  - Coursework and grades should be reported exactly as they appear on student's transcript
- Joint Service Transcript (JST)
  - Cannot be entered as an institution, so students should instead indicate they have a JST in the academic comment section
  - Be prepared to provide if requested during evaluation process
- Students can report their service dates under the employment section of their application.
- If students have any gaps in their education (including service dates), these should be clarified in the gap in education section
  - Use to/from dates where possible to account for time frames when not enrolled

# Timeline for credit and submission of transcripts

## Military academies & colleges

- Credit is determined *during the application evaluation process*
- Official transcripts due after admission offer has been accepted, *prior to enrollment*

## Joint Service Transcript (JST)

- Credit is determined *after matriculation*
- Student can submit their official JST *after enrollment* at UC

- Military academies and colleges
  - Credit is determined during the evaluation process, prior to admission using self-reported data
  - Once a student has accepted offer of admission, they must submit all official transcripts for campus to review prior to enrollment – this includes transcripts from military academies and colleges
- Joint Service Transcript (JST)
  - Credit is determined after matriculation
  - If a student is admitted and accepts an offer of admission, they can then submit their official Joint Service Transcript (JST) to the UC campus for evaluation of possible transfer credit
    - UC will consult the American Council On Education (ACE) recommendations for information regarding course content and as a **guide** to awarding credit
  - Given credit is not determined until after matriculation, military credit cannot be counted towards the minimum 60 semester/90 quarter units required for junior standing

# Determining transferability to UC

## Credit *may*\* be awarded for:

- Coursework completed in a variety of academic disciplines at military academies and colleges (American Council on Education)
- Courses reflecting on JST such as leadership and physical education

*\*courses must be equivalent to a UC taught course, and course credit is subject to limitations*

## Credit will not be awarded for:

- Basic training
- Vocational or technical training
- Work experience
- Personal enrichment courses
- CLEP & DANTES exams

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- Possible comparable courses can be found at UC within ROTC programs and under Military Science departments
- More on UC Transfer Credit practices can be found at <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/preparing-transfer-students/transfer-credit-practice.html>

# Evaluating Joint Service Transcripts

## Military Courses

Military Course ID	ACE Identifier Course Title Location-Description-Credit Areas	Dates Taken	ACE Credit Recommendation	Level
808	MC-2204-0088 V03 Recruit Training Master FY11: Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to apply casualty care; apply land navigation techniques; conduct physical fitness training; apply marksmanship techniques; and apply self-defense skills.	14-SEP-2015 to 11-DEC-2015		
	★ First Aid		1 SH	L
	★ Land Navigation		1 SH	L
	• Marksmanship		3 SH	L
	★ Physical Fitness		3 SH	L
	★ Self-Defense		1 SH	L

★ Credit awarded

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- ACE credit is recommended in SH or semester hours
- L in the level column indicates lower level (freshman or sophomore level)
- Those with pink stars next to them - First Aid, Land Navigation, Physical Fitness, and Self-Defense- we would award credit for as UC offers comparable courses.
- On the right hand side of this example we see based on the ACE credit recommendation, that the total semester hours (SH) recommended for what we have deemed credit-bearing would be 6 semester units, or for those UC's converting to quarter units, 9 quarter units of credit

# Resources

- UC military-affiliated [students](#) | University of California
- University of California Office of the President Veterans [Resources](#)
- University of California Transfer Credit [Practices](#)
- American Council on Education (ACE) Military [Guide](#)

- UC military-affiliated students | University of California
  - <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/uc-military-affiliated-students>
  - Data
- University of California Office of the President Veterans Resources
  - <https://veterans.universityofcalifornia.edu/>
  - Campus Veteran Coordinators/websites
- University of California Transfer Credit Practices
  - <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/preparing-transfer-students/transfer-credit-practice.html>
  - How UC determines transfer credit
- American Council on Education (ACE) Military Guide
  - <https://www.acenet.edu/Programs-Services/Pages/Credit-Transcripts/Military-Guide-Online.aspx>
  - supports academic institutions in awarding college credit to military-connected learners

# Thank you!

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