

# MILITARY AND VETERANS CENTER

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MILITARY AFFILIATED STUDENTS INCLUDE: ACTIVE, RESERVE, GUARD, VETERAN, RETIRED, DEPENDENT, SPOUSES AND ROTC CADETS.

The Military and Veterans Center (MVC) provides educational, social and personal enrichment opportunities for the military community of Towson University. The Center seeks to create an enhanced learning environment by providing military affiliated students with support and resources in a safe and inclusive atmosphere, and by addressing the unique challenges that military affiliated students face when entering into the university environment.

Staff at the Center will assist students with information regarding the G.I. Bill, VA services, Financial Aid, and guidance through the TU application and enrollment processes. Staffed by the Director of Military and Veterans Services, a Program Manager Specialist and student assistants, the Military and Veterans Center is the one-stop-shop for securing information necessary to successfully make the transition to college life. Some advantages that are provided for Military and Veterans include:

- Assistance with Montgomery G.I. Bill and associated financial aid issues
- Coping with the transition from military to collegiate life
- Fostering friendships through extracurricular activities, sports and camaraderie
- Assistance with problems and issues encountered on campus
- Priority registration

## Veterans Benefits

Towson University provides coordination between veteran/dependent students and the regional office of the Department of Veterans Affairs. TU's Certifying Official establishes procedures and prepares forms and correspondence for eligible students to receive educational benefits. Additionally, they monitor class attendance and evaluate academic progress to ensure that those receiving benefits maintain satisfactory progress.

Students taking courses at other institutions concurrently with courses at Towson University may be certified for both institutions. The normal time for the Regional Office of the Veterans Administration to process an enrollment certification is six weeks. Certification is not automatic. The proper VA forms must be completed each term.

NOTE: Students cannot be certified for courses until they register.

## Withdrawals / FX Grades

Students who decrease their unit load during the course of the term or receive an FX at the end of the term must notify the TU Certifying Official. Failure to do so could result in termination of benefits and a financial debt to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

## Change of Major

Veterans may change their academic major once without VA approval. For more than one change of major, however, veterans are required to undergo counseling by the VA. A change of major with the VA is required whenever veterans make a curriculum change in which any of the courses for which VA benefits were previously received do not transfer into the new program or whenever students declare a new major or matriculate at a different institution.

## Independent Study

Payment for independent study courses will generally be made on a tuition and fees basis only. Monthly rates may be paid for such courses, provided that more than half of the total number of units for that term are in courses requiring class attendance. Check with the office to determine eligibility to pay for independent study courses.

## Advance Payment

Advance payment is the allowance for the first two months of an enrollment period. All tuition and fees are due according to regular university deadlines and cannot be deferred pending receipt of advance payment. Students may apply for advance pay only if they will be enrolling at TU on at least a half-time basis and meet established deadlines. There must be one full calendar month break between terms to apply for the advance to qualify for advance payment.

Students may request advance pay for the regular academic terms in writing on the Declaration of Intent Form. The student must be registered one month before the term commences to qualify for advance payment.

## Approved Major

The VA will pay veterans only for the courses listed in this catalog that are required for a degree and for majors that have been approved for study by the VA. If students take courses in addition to those listed for their approved major, they will not be entitled to receive VA benefits for them.