



UH UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

OUR MISSION

UH Veteran Services recognizes the importance of providing our unwavering **SUPPORT** and **ADVOCACY** to our Active Military, Student Veterans, and their Dependents to help foster **SUCCESS** in their academic, personal, and career goals. UH Veteran Services will accomplish this mission through education, collaboration, and outreach, utilizing all available resources within and outside of the University of Houston.

ACCOMPLISHING OUR MISSION

✓ Professional Staff

- Program Director, Celina Dugas
- Assistant Director Lakeshia Villegas
- Program Coordinator, Kevin Sar
- Veterans Administration (VA) *VetSuccess* on Campus (VSOC) Counselor, Chandra Harrison

✓ VA Peer Counselors

VA funded work-study positions

✓ Student Veterans of America

Our campus Veteran Student's Organization

✓ Campus & Community Partners

Dedication and selflessness of our campus and community partners





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VETERANS
SERVICES

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
VETERANS SERVICES
HOURS OF OPERATION

Services Office
1775 1947 1790

VETERANS
SERVICES

UNIVERSITY of **HOUSTON**

DIVISION of STUDENT AFFAIRS and ENROLLMENT SERVICES

A LOOK AT STUDENT VETERANS



STUDENT VETERANS



A Valuable Asset to Higher Education

FINANCIAL AID POST-9/11 GI BILL

100%
OF TUITION AND FEES
FOR ELIGIBLE VETERANS

PROVIDES VETERANS WITH A MONTHLY HOUSING ALLOWANCE AND ANNUAL STIPEND FOR BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

As of May 2017, the Post-9/11 GI Bill has paid
\$75 BILLION
FOR VETERANS' TUITION, FEES, BOOK STIPENDS, AND HOUSING ALLOWANCE.

YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM

provides matching funds for schools and programs that cost more than the in-state public tuition rate.



DIVERSITY

STUDENT VETERANS ARE MORE LIKELY TO:

- BE OLDER;
- BE MARRIED;
- HAVE CHILDREN;
- HAVE A DISABILITY;
- WORKING FULL OR PART-TIME;
- FIRST GENERATION STUDENT

TOP SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES STRENGTHENED BY MILITARY SERVICE:

WORK ETHIC AND DISCIPLINE	87%
TEAMWORK	86%
LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS	82%
MENTAL TOUGHNESS	81%
ADAPTION TO DIFFERENT CHALLENGES	78%
SELF-DISCIPLINE	77%
PROFESSIONALISM	78%

MOTIVATIONS TO PURSUE HIGHER EDUCATION:

CAREER OR JOB OPPORTUNITIES	86%
SELF-IMPROVEMENT AND PERSONAL GROWTH	71%
POTENTIAL FOR IMPROVING ECONOMIC STATUS	69%
PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT	56%
LEVERAGE EARNED BENEFITS	51%
A DESIRE TO "HELP PEOPLE/SOCIETY"	43%
ENHANCE TECHNICAL SKILLS	31%

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

TOP MOTIVATIONS FOR MILITARY SERVICE

- 53% EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
- 52% DESIRE TO SERVE MY COUNTRY
- 49% OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE NEW EXPERIENCES, ADVENTURES, OR TRAVEL

MILITARY INFLUENCE ON POST-SERVICE ASPIRATIONS:

73% reported that the military service experience promoted their interest in education

68% of service members surveyed stated that the military prepared them for higher education

STUDENT VETERANS HAVE HIGHER ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE (GPA) COMPARED TO TRADITIONAL STUDENTS:

3.34 AVERAGE STUDENT VETERAN GPA

2.94 AVERAGE TRADITIONAL STUDENT GPA

STUDENT VETERANS' COMPLETE COLLEGE AT RATES SIMILAR TO THE NATIONAL AVERAGE AND HIGHER THAN OTHER ADULT LEARNERS:

Student veteran completion rate: 53.6%;
National completion rate: 52.9%;
Adult learners (first enrolled at 25 years or older): 39.2%

USING POST-9/11 GI BILL TO EARN HIGH-LEVEL DEGREES, CERTIFICATES:

10.3%; Associate Degrees: 26.7%; Bachelor Degrees: 43.0%; Graduate Degrees: 20.0%

STUDENT VETERANS EARNING A DEGREE IN HIGH-DEMAND, HIGH-GROWTH FIELDS:

Business Degrees: 27.0%; STEM Degrees: 14.4%; Health Degrees: 10.4%

POST EDUCATION OUTCOMES

EARNINGS

IN GENERAL, THE HIGHER THE DEGREE THE HIGHER THE INCOME.

VETERANS WITH BACHELOR'S DEGREES EARN ABOUT **\$84,255**

This is higher compared to their non-veteran counterparts who earn about \$67,232.

VETERANS WITH MORE THAN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE EARN ABOUT **\$129,082**

This is higher compared to their non-veteran counterparts who earn about \$99,734.

POST-9/11 VETERANS WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE EARN ABOUT

\$71,399

Post-9/11 veterans with more than a Bachelor's degree earn about \$124,534.

UNEMPLOYMENT

IN GENERAL, THE HIGHER THE DEGREE THE LOWER THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.

VETERANS WITH A COLLEGE DEGREE HAVE A SIMILAR UNEMPLOYMENT RATE COMPARED TO THEIR NON-VETERAN COUNTERPARTS. (3.3% compared to 2.6%)

POST-9/11 VETERANS WITH A COLLEGE DEGREE HAVE A SIMILAR UNEMPLOYMENT RATE COMPARED TO THEIR NON-VETERAN COUNTERPARTS. (2.9% compared to 2.6%)



MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENT COMMUNITY

Fall 2016

Military Connected
Students: 2193
Average GPA: 2.991

Fall 2017

Military Connected Students: 2994
Average GPA: 3.010

Fall 2018

Military Connected Students: 2976
Average GPA: 3.071
2% Increase in GPA

Fall 2019

Military Connected Students: 2995
1184 Veterans 1811 Dependents
Average GPA for Student Veterans 3.114

FALL 2020

Military Connected 2982
1152 Student Veterans
1830 military dependents
Average GPA: 3.178

FALL 2021

Total Military Connected: 2894
1789 Dependents
1105 Student Veterans
Average GPA: 3.234

FALL 2022

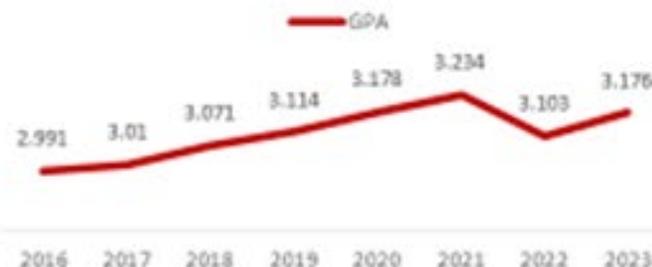
Total Military Connected: 2785
1729 Dependents
1056 Student Veterans
Average GPA: 3.103

FALL 2023

Total Military Connected: 2986
1630 Dependents
1356 Student Veterans
Average GPA: 3.176



Average Veteran GPA



KEY PROGRAMS & SERVICES



Computer Lab



Printing Services



Study Area



Meeting Space

We provide a **CASUAL, FAMILIAR, AND COMFORTABLE SPACE** for students to study, relax, and network with their peers fostering camaraderie and student engagement.

UH Veteran Services Helps Battle Food Insecurity with a Heartfelt Initiative



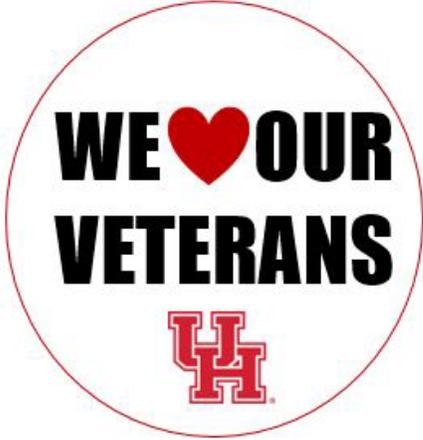
Providing Healthy Snacks and Food to help battle food insecurity and increase a sense of belonging

Military and Veteran Culture Competency Training

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GREEN ZONE
PSYCHARMOR™
Institute

Silhouettes of a soldier saluting and a graduate.



KEY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

WELCOME BACK SPRING MIXER

WHEN: Thursday, Jan. 19th, 2017
 TIME: 6pm - 8pm
 WHERE: Calhoun's Rooftop

COME AND MEET FELLOW STUDENT VETERANS!
 FREE FOOD & FREE DRINKS!
 DOOR PRIZES AND MUCH MORE!

SERVICE

WHEN WOMEN COME MARCHING HOME

DOCUMENTARY BY MARCIA ROCK & PATRICIA LEE STOTTER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015

FILM SCREENING PANEL DISCUSSION
 11:00 - 11:55A 12:00P - 12:50P

Student Center South | Downtown Room (Rm 261)



UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON
 VETERAN SERVICES

the breakfast club

WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST

Tuesday January 22, 2019

9am-11am
 VS Office Student Center North 202

UH Veteran Services
 Division of Student Affairs

Introduces New Programming for 2023- 2024

AIMS

Academic Integration for Military-Affiliated Scholars

uh.edu/vsacs

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, NOV 11, 2016
 11AM - 2PM

Stop by for great food, fun, and prizes presented by Central Market, UH Veteran Services, and the Student Veterans of America at the University of Houston. We welcome the Cougar Military and Veteran Community to submit photos of your service to vets@uh.edu for digital display throughout the day in our office.

EVERY DAY
 1 ACTIVE DUTY
 + 22 VETERANS
 DIE FROM SUICIDE

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 VETERAN SERVICES

NAVIGATING THE FEDERAL SEARCH

- Understanding hiring paths
- Navigating job searches
- How to best present accomplishment narratives

APRIL 26, 2021
 12:00 PM (CENTRAL)
 VIA ZOOM

FREE- ZOOM -ONLINE EVENT



Developing Strong Leaders

Develop Strong Leaders

- Student Led Programs:
 - Transfer Orientation, Peer Tutoring,
- Director Sits on VA VCEB: Board of Directors
 - Invited to be on DOD Higher Ed Collaborative as Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee (19 Universities and Colleges across the Nation Collaborating with DOD, DOE, VA)

- Student Leaders Chosen to Top Internships with: Deloitte, Google, Chevron.





THANK YOU