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A Guide for Student Veterans
The Veterans Support Team is an interdisciplinary team of staff and administrators from key departments across campus, who have come together to foster awareness of the student veteran experience and ensure that student veteran needs are being met across campus.

Our main goals are to promote a positive campus experience for student veterans and their families, support student veteran entry into civilian and university life, and facilitate access to veteran benefits, resources, and mentors to enable degree completion.

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What student VETERANS need to know!

- After enrollment, you must contact Financial Aid to complete your VA certification. You may also be required to verify your attendance; check with the VA for info.
- VA monthly allowances are always paid in arrears, around the first of the month for the prior month’s enrollment. Also, the VA will prorate your allowance for the start and end of each term. Be sure to budget carefully!
- Veterans and dependents are encouraged to apply for Federal Financial Aid to help cover additional educational expenses and unforeseen payment delays. Apply online at www.fafsa.gov.
- You may be eligible for exemption from the Deferred Payment Plan processing fee and the first late fee. However, you are responsible for taking care of your financial obligations in a timely manner.
- Student veterans receive priority registration. You will be assigned an early appointment time during each registration cycle beginning in your second quarter at UCR.
- To “learn the ropes” from someone who’s been there, contact UCR’s Veteran Peer Mentors or join the Student Veterans Organization. Call Student Special Services at (951) 827-3861 for info, or connect on Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/UCRstudentvets.
- For information about your VA benefit eligibility or entitlement, contact the VA National Call Center at 888-GI-Bill-1 (888-442-4551) or visit www.gibill.va.gov.

More Helpful Info...

The VA will only pay for courses that are required for you to complete your degree program or objective.

Your Academic Advisor will help you plan your degree program and select courses that fulfill degree requirements.

The POC’s below in the various colleges and academic divisions can provide additional support and mentorship.

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