

Military Credit Policy

APU evaluates courses completed through the armed services and may grant credit for such courses. Credit is typically based on recommendations from the American Council on Education (ACE) (<https://www.acenet.edu/higher-education/Pages/Military-Students-and-Veterans.aspx>) and may include General Education credit and non-General Education elective credit.

1. Military credit must be on official transcripts from the American Council on Education.
2. APU professional programs accept:
 - ACE-recommended coursework in the lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category (“L”).
 - ACE-recommended coursework in the upper-division baccalaureate category (“U”).
3. General Education credit and non-General Education elective credit will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
4. Air Force credit must come on official transcripts from the Community College of the Air Force, the Air Force Institute of Technology, or the United States Air Force Academy.
5. Transfer credit is limited to 90 units.

Priority Registration for Veterans and Military Service Members

As a student using military education benefits, you are entitled to priority registration each semester. By having access to enrolling in courses early, you have more time to plan and arrange your schedule according to your program and personal needs. Using military-connected education benefits requires consideration of enrollment factors such as course modality, location, and term length in order to receive the maximum benefit due to you. Those classified as active duty, reserve, or veteran and using education benefits administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or the U.S. Department of Justice are designated student groups entitled to this program. ROTC students are also eligible. To be added to the priority registration list, contact one of your VA certifying officials by emailing the Office of Military and Veteran Education Benefits at mveb@apu.edu.

Why Priority Registration Is Important For Student Veterans

Students who are using military education benefits are bound by multiple factors of enrollment. Depending on the modality, location, and overall nature of a course (e.g., practicum courses), students using these benefits must plan in advance, since their entitlement is limited. Depending on what type of benefit is awarded, extra communication and engagement between the student, MVEB team, and counselors are typically required. There is no such thing as a “typical” military-connected student, as this student population is characterized by a multitude of diverse life experiences. From patterns we’ve recognized over the years, priority registration and other policies in place that may grant military-connected students more time are incredibly beneficial during their time at APU.