

Veteran & Military-Connected New Student Orientation Fall 2023

8/19/2023



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Today's Agenda

- 10:30 AM - Breakfast and arrival
- 10:45 AM - Welcome and Overview
- 11:00 AM - Veteran Student Life: Presentation
- 11:55 AM - *Break*
- 12:00 PM - Campus Resources Breakout Sessions / Q&A
- 12:45 PM - Campus Tour with TerpVets Leadership
- 1:30 PM - *Lunch at Veteran Center (LeFrak Hall)*
- 2:00 PM - Wrap-up
- Optional: TerpVets Meet Up at Denizen's Brewery in Riverdale Park



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Before We Get Into the Details...

- Doubt
- Unmoored
- Uncertainty
- Apprehension
- Like you are starting over

You are not alone

Veteran Student Life Staff

- Kat Robinson, *Veteran Student Life Coordinator*
 - kat123@umd.edu
- Laura McCulley, *Assistant Director of Office of Student Engagement*
 - lauramc2@umd.edu
- VA Work Study
 - Cole Ready, Ashlee Swanson, Daniel Tullier, Andre MaGowan
- Location:
 - Engagement Suite, The Stamp Student Union, #0110 (Ground floor around the corner from food court), (301) 314-0073
 - Vet Center, LeFrak Hall, #2123, (301) 405-9605

Office of Veteran Student Life

- Provide campus events, programs and exclusive resources for veterans
- Manage the Veterans Center in LeFrak Hall
- Support the TerpVets Student Organization
- Advocate for veteran issues on campus
- Act as a connector to campus resources and community partners
- Veteran-specific scholarships and Pat Tillman partnered institution
- Active recruitment of veterans to Maryland
- Advocate for veterans issues at the State and Federal level
- First point of contact for student veterans on campus



Staying Connected and Informed

- Weekly Veteran Student Life Newsletter
 - from: vetstudentlife@umd.edu
- Instagram: “UMD Veteran Student Life”
- Facebook page: “UMD Veteran Student Life”
- LinkedIn Group: “Terrapin Military Network”
- TerpLink: terplink.umd.edu
- TerpVets Student Organization
- Within the Vet Center
- Talk to us!

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Veterans Adventure Program



Adventure Trips and Challenge Course

University Recreation & Wellness

(p) 301-226-4456

www.adventure.umd.edu

active terps live well



Upcoming Events:

- 9/17: Whitewater Raft the Potomac
- 10/22: Hike Maryland Heights



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TERP★VETS

Student-led group of student veterans seeking to provide services to new and existing veterans attending the University.

We want to create a veteran-friendly environment on campus and see to it that veterans have a positive impact on the community through volunteer and social events.

Facebook: Terp Vets

Instagram: terpvets

Discord: TerpVets



Veterans Networking Events

- Student veterans, alumni, faculty and staff, external employers
- Food and Free Drinks!
- Practice your story in a lower stakes environment



STEM Tutoring

- Free tutoring for STEM classes including:
 - Math
 - Chemistry
 - Computer Science
 - Statistics
 - And more...



Visit: stamp.umd.edu/STEMtutor

Veterans Scholarships and Funds

- Pat Tillman Foundation Partner School
 - Application opens in November and closes in February
- 60 + veteran-specific scholarships
 - Applying for Tillman puts you in consideration
 - Opens in late March/early April
- Veterans Professional Development Fund
 - Prep courses, certifications, conferences, etc.
 - Apply in TerpLink
- Veterans Crisis Fund
 - Apply in TerpLink & send us an email
- No-interest emergency loan
 - Through the university: health.umd.edu/ELF

VA Benefits Contact

Michael P. Vivian

VA School Certifying Official, Office of the Registrar

1113 Clarence M. Mitchell Building
College Park, MD 20742

Phone: 301-314-8239

Email: vabenefits@umd.edu

<http://registrar.umd.edu/veteran-benefits.html>



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VA Education Benefits and Enrollment Certification

- Students attending the university under the Veterans Education Assistance Act (Title 38, U.S. Code) may receive assistance and enrollment certification at the Office of the Registrar, Veteran Certification Services, 1113 Clarence M. Mitchell Jr. Building.
- Students may verify their eligibility for benefits by consulting the VA: <https://www.va.gov/education/eligibility/>
- Any students using VA benefits should submit UMD's VA Enrollment Certification Request Form to the SCO as soon as they register for any term they are using the benefits.
- The form is available on our website: <http://www.registrar.umd.edu/veteran-benefits.html>. Students using benefits at the University are also required to provide a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to the SCO within their first term of enrollment.



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ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY: Status: _____

Term: _____

Date Received: _____

Initials: _____

Return signed, completed forms to the
UMD Veterans Certification Office:

MAIL: 1113 Mitchell Bldg.
IN PERSON: College Park, MD 20742
FAX: 301-314-9568
EMAIL*: vabenefits@umd.edu



NOTE:

We will monitor for changes to your enrollment after the Schedule Adjustment Period. **Changes to Enrollment after this point may affect receipt of VA Education Benefits.** Contact the UMD Veterans Benefits Certification Office by email at vabenefits@umd.edu for more information.

UMD VA ENROLLMENT CERTIFICATION REQUEST

(See reverse for instructions/additional information)

This form must be submitted SEPARATELY for each term for which you wish to receive VA Education Benefits.

Fall¹ Winter¹ Spring¹ Summer I¹ Summer II¹ 20__

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ UID: _____

Email: _____ Major²: _____ Check here for new major:

Current Degree Objective: BA/BS Grad Certificate Masters PhD

Check here if you are on Active Duty³:

VA EDUCATION BENEFIT, AS APPLIED FOR ON 22-1990 (APPLICATION FOR VA EDUCATION BENEFITS):

- Montgomery GI Bill® - Active Duty - MGIB (Chapter 30)⁴
- Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31 - VA Form 28-1905 must be current in order to certify your enrollment)⁵
- Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Chapter 33) (See box at right)
 - Attaching VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE)⁴
 - Check here if you are a Post-9/11 TEB Recipient (dependent)⁶
- Survivors' and Dependents' Assistance - DEA (Chapter 35) - Veteran's File Number⁷: _____
- Montgomery GI Bill® - Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)⁴
- Reserve Education Assistance Program - REAP (Chapter 1607)⁴

Post-9/11 GI Bill Recipients¹: Check if you are using:

- ROTC Scholarship
- Fed'l Military Tuition Assistance (TA)⁸
- State Military Tuition Assistance (TA)⁸
- State Tuition Waiver - MD Nat'l Guard⁹
- HESP⁸
- Tuition paid by employer²⁴
- Tuition Remission
- Scholarship - Tuition & Fees only⁸
- None of the Above

Check here to update your VA contact information with your UMD permanent address
(First update your UMD contact information at <http://www.testudo.umd.edu/apps/saddr>)

Check here if you are using the University Sponsored Health Insurance Plan

I have read the UMD VA Enrollment Certification Request Instructions. I certify that all courses are applicable to my degree program and meet VA requirements. I understand that completion of this UMD form assures me of enrollment certification with the Department of Veterans Affairs, but does not guarantee payment from the VA. Payment depends on my being enrolled in an approved program, my not owing money to the VA for any overpayments, and my compliance with all other VA regulations. I further understand that any information on this form or in my University record may be shared with the VA at its request.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Actual signature required. Instructions on how to digitally sign this document can be found [here](#).

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Web site at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.

For Administrative Use Only: Residency ___ Credits ___ TTFT ___ Units ___

CH. 33 Tier ___ % Active Duty? Remedial? Yellow Ribbon? Dependent? Awaiting COE? ___

Actual Tuition \$ _____ Actual Fees \$ _____ Reported Tuition \$ _____ Reported Fees \$ _____

Total Reported \$ _____ Date _____ Initials _____



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Certification Process

- Certification is done by the Veterans Certification Service (VA Benefits office) at the Registrar
- Two Step Process:
 - **First Step:** The Registrar certifies that you are attending UMD and tells the VA the amount of credits you are registered for so the VA can issue the appropriate amount for your benefit stipends (Book stipends and BAH)
 - **Second Step:** After the add/drop period, the Registrar will certify the total amount for charges covered by the VA (like *tuition, mandatory fees, etc.*)

Priority Registration

Eligible service members of the United States Armed forces are entitled to priority registration at the University of Maryland as per the 2018 State of Maryland HB1074. An eligible service member is:

- Active Duty, Veteran (with honorable discharge), or Reserves

To be granted priority registration, qualifying students need to submit proof of eligibility: military ID card, DD-214, or certificate of satisfactory completion of military service

- Office of the Registrar
Veterans Certification Services
Clarence Mitchell Jr. Building, Room 1113
Email: vabenefits@umd.edu
Phone: (301) 314-8239



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Delayed Payment Policy

- Any student using Chapter 31 or Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits, who has a COE on file with the institution, will not be assessed late fees or financial penalties for the portion of the account that is covered by VA.
- Students may be assessed late fees and financial penalties for any portion of the account that is not covered by VA benefits.
 - Examples of fees and financial penalties not covered by VA benefits:
 - Parking fees
 - Book charges from the book store
 - Health center charges (i.e. prescriptions, copays)

Time to take a quick break!



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