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VA Benefits Form D's Due

Registration for courses in the Intersession and Spring 2014 are now open! If you will be taking courses during either of these semesters, you must complete your Form D (no advisor signature required) and submit it to the benefits office in Arjona 340 as soon as possible. We highly encourage you to submit your Form D in a timely manner so that your benefits payments, including the stipend, can be certified by the VA.

We recommend you submit your Form D by the following dates:

Winter Intersession-ASAP

Spring Semester—December 13th

The Form D is available on <u>our website</u> as is more information on <u>approved programs</u> and other VA Benefits.

If you have questions or would like more information please contact us at 860-486-2442 or stop by the benefits office in Arjona 340.



VA recipient dropping below 12 credits? Read this first!

Many students utilizing VA benefits consider dropping below the full time credit load of 12 credits throughout the semester. While some situations force a student to reduce their course load to part-time, the costs usually outweigh the benefits. There are several financial as well as academic considerations for recipients of VA chapter benefits to take into consideration when dropping below the 12 credit full time threshold.

Our office highly recommends that any recipient of VA chapter benefits who is considering dropping below the 12 credit full time threshold double check with our office to

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consider all the options available to them.

In many cases faculty and staff advisors are unaware of the VA regulations or processing procedures. Please stop by and check with our benefits staff prior to dropping below the 12 credit full time minimum.

Visit <u>http://veterans.uconn.edu/benefits/</u> benefits-faq/ to learn more.

Upcoming Events:

- Thanksgiving break: Nov 24-30
- Form D Deadline: Dec 13th
- Work Study Application Deadline: Dec 6th
- Fall Final Exams Start: Dec 9th

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We want your feedback!

Our office is conducting two surveys: one for current students and one for faculty and staff. We hope to improve upon the University's current services for the veteran and military population, as well as develop new programs. We need your help! Please complete the appropriate survey below:

Student Veterans: Please take a moment to fill out the Student Veteran Needs Assessment

https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bKiJoLaPrgPJTCd

Faculty/Staff Veterans: Please take a moment to fill out the Faculty/Staff Veterans Survey

https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cu405Rj2QPvp19H

All collected information will be used by the Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs to better support veterans here at UConn. Thank you in advance for taking the time to help us fulfill our mission!

New Veterans Activities and Support Foundation Account

Many departments and programs across campus maintain foundation accounts to support their mission and grow their services. We are happy to announce that we have successfully created a Veterans Activities and Support Fund account with the Foundation! This fund will be utilized to grow and improve our services for veterans here at UConn!

We encourage you to consider the Veterans Activities and Support Fund when making donations to the Foundation. As a new office and new foundation account every donation, no matter the size, helps us look forward to programs that support our veteran population today and in the future.

To donate, you can visit our website at: veterans.uconn.edu/ donate or utilize the 'text to donate' option below: To donate \$10, Text **50555** with the words: "uconn vets [name and grad year(s), if alumni]" ex: "uconn vets John Smith 1992" Respond YES when prompted to confirm your donation.

\$10.00 donation to support the University of Connecticut Foundation through the Give Foundation. Charges will appear on your wireless bill, or be deducted from your prepaid balance. All purchases must be authorized by account holder. Must be 18 years of age or have parental permission to participate. Message and Data Rates May Apply. **Text STOP to 50555 to STOP. Text HELP to 50555 for HELP.** Full Terms and Privacy Policy: s.uconn.edu/txt

If you would like to make a larger donation, <u>click here</u>. If you are a UConn employee you can use Fund # 23047 on your "Close to Home" donation form!

FYE course on Military History

Our office will be teaching an INTD 1820 'Military History' covering topics on the theory of war and American military history. This one credit class will be open to only Freshmen and Sophomores and is limited to 19 students.

Topics to be covered will include: Terrorism or guerilla warfare in the Revolution, state loyalty at the academies in the Civil War, American overseas expansion 1850-1950, and other relevant military history topics.

If you are interested in taking this class, please contact <u>Kevin Evringham</u> ASAP!

The course data, time, and location will be released soon.



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Thank you Super Flag volunteers!



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Serving those who have served

We are Hiring for the VA Work-Study Program!

The VA Work Study program is open to veterans and their dependents utilizing VA chapter benefits (i.e.: Post 9/11, Vocational Rehab, MGIB, etc) at the University who have a desire to work on veterans related topics. Our office is currently hiring these positions for the Spring 2014 semester.

We are specifically searching for eligible students that will work in our benefits office or who have **MS Access database development knowledge.**

If you are interested in applying or would like to learn more, please come talk to <u>Dan Kowalchik</u> or <u>Kevin Evringham</u> in Arjona.

The application deadline is: December 6th!

Find us online: veterans.uconn.edu



About our office

The Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs is responsible for all benefits, events, support, and outreach for veterans at the University of Connecticut. Additionally, our office works closely with the two resident ROTC Departments on campus to support their mission of training and preparing top ranked students for leadership in the Untied States Army or Air Force. The University of Connecticut has a long history of support for its veterans and military members and our office seeks to build upon this.

If you or a member or the community are interested in assisting with any of our efforts, or have new ideas of your own, we encourage you to come forward and see how together we can make UConn the premier destination for veterans and service members in the United States.



ROTC students line up in this mid-1920s photo of the interior of Hawley Armory. Built in 1914, the Armory was used for many campus and community activities.

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