



SERVICES FOR STUDENT VETERANS

VSSS at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is committed to the success of each student Veteran, active duty military person, National Guard and Reserve member, and their qualified dependents. From supporting your integration to campus life, to succeeding in the classroom the following resources are designed to enrich student Veteran's experience.

Orientation

Each semester VSSS welcomes new student Veterans to campus. Our orientation offers student Veterans an opportunity to learn about vital academic resources and support services, while meeting fellow student veterans.

Mentoring

VSSS reaches out to new student veterans on campus. Our peer mentoring program is designed to help ease student Veteran's transition to campus by connecting her or him to another well trained, student Veterans who has already transition to campus successfully.

Student Veteran Lounge

Many of our student Veterans live off campus and commute for classes and co-curricular activities. The Student Veteran Lounge is a great place to study between classes, meet and socialize with other Veterans, and access resources and referrals for Veteran student services on campus.

Programming and Outreach

In an effort to enhance the experience of student Veterans and provide support and advocacy for them on campus, VSSS provides a wide array of programming and outreach. All of our services are free and open to student Veterans, active duty military personnel, National Guard and Reserve members, and their qualified dependents.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Over 20 military connected students visited Barkstall Elementary School as an outreach program to teach our younger generation about what it means to be a veteran and how veterans give back to the community.

AY 2016-2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- VSSS recruited, hired, and trained five undergraduate student workers to staff the Veteran Student Lounge and assist with outreach and programming.
- VSSS and the Center for Wounded Veterans in Higher Education partnered to create a professional mentor program to serve out military connected student and connecting them with a mentor in their future career path.
- VSSS partnered with the Illini Veterans and the Career Center to offer a highly successful, five part career development series for military connected students.
- In FY 17 the University of Illinois was designated "Best for Vets" by the Military Times and "Top College and University" by Military Advanced Education for a second year in a row.
- VSSS hosted two Veteran Ally workshops that educated over 50 staff and faculty members about issues our military connected students face.
- In AY 2016-17 VSSS served 525 military connected students.
- The three top colleges within the University of Illinois military students are choosing are the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (90), College of Engineering (56), and the College of Business (61).
- Out of the 525 military connected students, 354 (67%) were in an Undergrad program and 171 (33%) were in a Graduate or Professional program.