

An Introduction to the Military Related Student

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Military Population

2016 IUPUI Military related student population

- 925 Veterans
- 188 National Guard Reservists
- 852 Dependents of Veterans using benefits

Perceptions of the U.S. military vary across campus and have an impact on our military students.

- *“No one seems to know where to send military students for help...”*
- *“I don’t believe the school has done enough to make veterans feel welcome”*
- *“It’s either too much negativity or overwhelming support. Just treat me like a human being.”*



Academic Vs. Military Culture

Military:

- Team-Based
- Structured
- Straight forward

Academia:

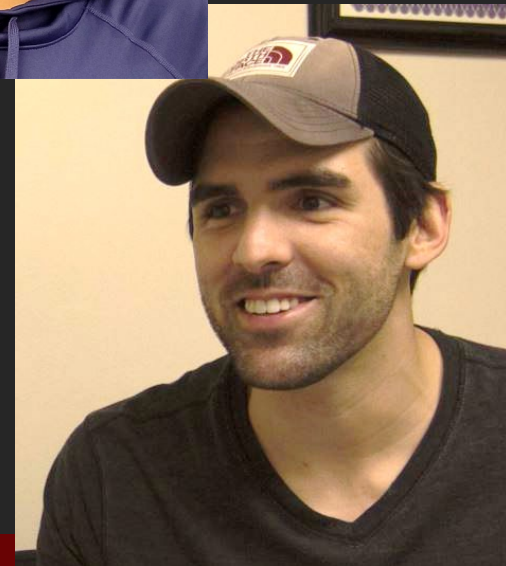
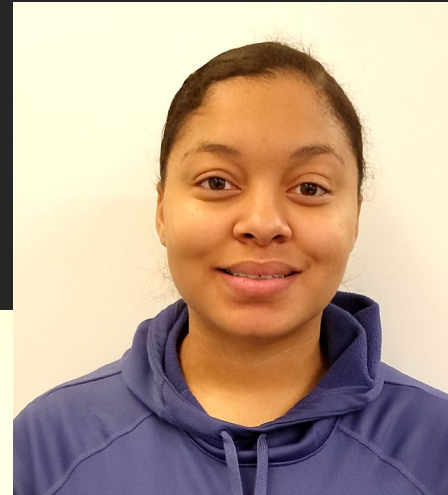
- Individual-Based
- Liberal
- Loopholes



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The Military Student in your classroom





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1. Misconceptions

- Academically Deficient
- Resistant to Teamwork
- All veterans served in combat
- Disabilities can be seen... they cannot
- Women do not serve the same as their counterparts
- ONLY Americans can be in the US Military





The Military Student in your classroom

What not to do...

- Pinpoint a military person
- Talk down to them
- Assume that if they are military they have issues
- Anti-military: don't hate the individual for doing his/her job
 - Try to keep these sentiments out of the classroom especially if you are not teaching anything directly related to it.



The Military Student in your classroom



It's okay to

- Look them in the eye
- Speak with full transparency
- Listen to concerns
- Ask...

Does anyone have personal experience being in the military that would like to share with the group?



Deployment Challenges

– Pre-Deployment

- Goal – to get the unit ready to deploy
- Could be from one week to 6 months

– Deployment

- Putting their education and life on hold

– Post-Deployment

- Per DOD (2011), this “is a difficult period for service members and their families.”





Military Withdrawal Policy

- Student Responsibility
 - To provide orders to the OVMP
 - To get ALL instructors to complete the *Military Deployment Instructor Form*
 - Submit form to Registrar's Office
 - If student chooses to complete course then the student must contact the instructor for further information
- Instructor Responsibility
 - Complete the Military Deployment Instructor Form

Course: _____	Instructor Signature: _____
Instructor Name: _____	The student: _____
Instructor Email: _____	_____ Can make up all assignments and exams
	_____ Can only make up the assignments
	_____ Should withdraw from my course

- Work with student to complete assignments and exams



IUPUI ROTC



1. The mission of ROTC is to commission the future officer leadership of the United States Army
2. The ROTC program is a series of electives in leadership studies, taken along with required college courses as determined by academic discipline.
3. It prepares cadets with the tools, training and experiences that will help them succeed in any environment.
4. Designed to complement any course of study, cadets receive traditional college instruction and take part in training that will challenge and develop their leadership skills.



OVMP as YOUR Resource

How we can help:

- Answering YOUR questions
- Assisting with challenges regarding the military connected student
- Collaborating with departments, faculty with projects
- Acting as a liaison for the student
- Providing resources to military connected student

Contact us!

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Future Professional Developments



Annual Professional Development on the US Military

- During the spring semester
- Presentation:
 - Special Topic, such as, the transitioning veteran, military culture, etc.
 - Green zone training
 - Wounded Warrior





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