

MILITARY AND VETERANS PROGRAMS (MVP)

Veterans' Attendance and Satisfactory Progress

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs requires all veterans receiving VA education benefits to make satisfactory progress and systematic advancement toward an educational objective or be liable for overpayments. Satisfactory progress and regular class attendance are expected of such students.

If a veteran receiving benefits is suspended for academic reasons, benefits are terminated and will be restored only after readmission to NMSU.

If the university has liability claims filed against it as a result of a veteran failing to meet compliance requirements of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the university will not release any academic records on the veteran until such time as the veteran has reimbursed the federal government for funds drawn in violation of those requirements.

A student receiving VA education benefits who is pursuing a degree program offered by New Mexico State University should adhere to the curriculum of that program. Failure to do so will result in the student being certified for less than full-time status or becoming liable for an overpayment.

Military Experience Waiver

Prior to graduating, during the student's junior and/or senior year, NMSU students are required to take two 3-credit Viewing a Wider World (VWW) upper-division (300-400 level) courses. These courses strongly emphasize the international character and multicultural influences in the fields of study and strengthen information retrieval skills. There are two options that NMSU allows for replacing one of the two courses (3 credits) of VWW requirement with another form of educational experience, these are: (Study Abroad Experience or Military Experience for students who have served at least four weeks of U.S. Military Foreign/ Sea Service in a foreign country.

Steps needed to request a Military Experience Waiver (replacing 3 credits of VWW):

1. Obtain a copy of your DD Form 214 or Memo from you Commanding Officer proving your 4-week deployment
2. Provide the above copy to your college academic advisor to request waiver
3. Wait for your college to approve and confirm

Note: Credits are not being waived, only one of the two courses are being waived within the requirement. You may still need to complete three credits in consultation with your academic advisor. Please contact the MVP or your academic advisor for questions and concerns.

Resources for Students

Military and Veteran Housing

New Mexico State University is one of the first in the nation to offer on-campus housing specifically designated for student veterans and their families transitioning out of the military and into student life. The Department of Housing & Residential Life has worked in conjunction with

the Student Veterans Organization of NMSU to offer affordable housing on campus to student veterans attending the university.

For more information, please contact Housing and Residential Life: (575) 646-3202, housing@nmsu.edu, <http://housing.nmsu.edu>.

Service Members Opportunity Consortium (SOC)

The NMSU system has been designated a Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Consortium university. As a member of SOC, NMSU has committed itself to fully support and comply with SOC principles and criteria, ensuring that service members and their families share in the postsecondary educational opportunities available to other citizens. Those eligible are provided with appropriately accredited educational programs, courses, and services. The flexibility of programs and procedures particularly in admissions, counseling, credit transfer, course articulation, recognition of other applicable learning experiences, including those gained in the military, scheduling, course format and residency requirements are provided to enhance access of service members and their families to undergraduate education programs. All SOC rules and regulations apply, including:

- Credit for military training and experience – NMSU recognizes and uses ACE Guide in evaluating military training experiences
- Reduced academic residency requirements – 25% maximum for most programs; 30% for 100% online programs
- No final year or semester requirement
- Credit for nationally-recognized testing programs such as CLEP (General and Subject exams), DSST (DANTES Standardized Subject Tests)

For further assistance contact:

Military and Veterans Programs
MSC 4740, PO Box 30001
Las Cruces, NM 88003-8001
(575) 646-4524
<http://mvp.nmsu.edu>

Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)

The Reserve Officer Training Corps is a commissioning program designed to attract, motivate and train qualified students for military service as officers. The ROTC program is represented on the NMSU campus by the Department of Military Science (U.S. Army) and the Department of Aerospace Studies (U.S. Air Force).

Curricula in the Departments of Military Science and Aerospace Studies are divided into basic and advanced courses of two years each. Enrollment in the basic course is voluntary and involves no obligation. Participation in the advanced courses is on a contractual basis and leads to military service as a commissioned officer. Elective academic credit is granted by the university for ROTC classes.

Students with prior military service or Junior ROTC experience may receive credit, although not academic credit, for all or portions of the basic courses.

All qualified cadets enrolled in ROTC receive a stipend that varies dependent upon the year the cadet is in the program. Scholarships, which pay full college tuition as well as various laboratory, textbook and incidental fees, are available on a competitive basis.

For more detailed information about the ROTC programs, see the College of Arts and Sciences departments of [Aerospace Studies](#) and [Military](#)

Science in this catalog. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the departments directly at:

(575) 646-4030 (Army)

(575) 646-2136 (Air Force)

Aggies Green Zone

The Aggies Green Zone is designed to help develop a supportive and caring environment in which students feel welcomed and trusted, especially in their transition from military to student life. The Aggies Green Zone program prepare faculty and staff to better understand the unique needs and challenges faced by military and veteran students.

Aggies Green Zone Allies

Aggies Green Zone Allies are empathetic faculty and staff members that military, veteran, and dependent students can reach out to for support. Allies are not expected to be experts in military and veteran matters, but they can make a positive impact by lending a sympathetic ear and connecting students to appropriate resources.

Faculty and Staff receive an Allies designation after participating in the Aggies Green Zone program and their name and contact information are listed on the MVP website. For more information, please visit: <https://mvp.nmsu.edu/green-zone-training/green-zone-allies>