

## **Auburn University Policy on Academic Credit for Military Service and Training**

Auburn University will award academic credit to student veterans in recognition of their military training and service and in accordance with the regulations below. It is the intent of this policy to aid student veterans' progress toward degree completion; the limits on credit awarded are in place to reduce issues with financial aid and facilitate progression through 'lock-step' academic programs.

The American Council on Education (ACE) recognizes the educational value of military training and experience. ACE continuously evaluates military school courses and occupations and makes recommendations for college level credit. ACE credit recommendations are present on the Joint Services Transcript (JST) of the military service member. Auburn University (AU) accepts military service records and will award credit for ACE recommendations at both the lower and upper level of baccalaureate curricula. Auburn University reserves the right to accept ACE recommendations as a guideline, but will retain and will exercise responsibility for assuring that the military training credits accepted are at the collegiate level and have resulted in learning outcomes comparable to those students would achieve through Auburn's own instruction. Recommendations for credit at the vocational level are not acceptable for credit at AU. AU does not award credit for military occupations or for courses with ACE recommendations that are considered low-level vocational/technical in nature. Duplicate credit recommendations will not be allowed. In most cases, credits will be awarded as elective credit. At the discretion of the academic unit, some elective credits may be allowed to satisfy specific degree requirements by substitution.

The total credits awarded for military training and service will be limited to 10 semester credit hours.

- Service members may earn up to 4 hours of physical education credit according to the following formula:
  - [Existing Bulletin Language to be Edited]: A student who has served in the Armed Forces (on active duty, in the National Guard, or the Reserves) may receive physical education credits as follows: 2 hours of credit upon completion of basic training and advanced individual training for those serving on active duty, reserves, or national guard; 4 hours of credit for active duty service of one year or more.
- Service members may earn up to 6 hours of military science elective credit for training documented on the JST. If this policy is approved, the transcript evaluator will work with the current Military Sciences leadership to chart equivalencies eligible for credits.
- Service members may earn up to 6 hours of general elective credit for other training documented on the JST in accord with this policy.
- At the discretion of the student's academic unit, some upper level elective credits may be allowed to satisfy specific degree requirements by substitution.

Credit for military training and service will only be awarded after a student veteran meets with the appropriate academic advisor in his or her college or school. After being apprised of the credits available and the potential implications for the intended major, the student veteran will complete the Military Credit Acceptance form which s/he will sign and forward through the major college/school to the Registrar. Once credited, these hours will not be removed.