



## FGCU REGULATION 3.009

*Effective Date  
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### **Military Veteran and Active Duty**

*January 11, 2022*

#### **A. GENERAL STATEMENT**

Florida Gulf Coast University (“University” or “FGCU”) welcomes military veterans and active duty members as a part of the campus community. The following procedures exist to assist Military Veterans and Active Duty Members through their experience at FGCU. Any Student enrolled in a credit-bearing University course shall not incur academic or financial penalties by virtue of performing military service on behalf of our country. Further, Students may receive credit for prior military training courses and occupations.

#### **B. DEFINITIONS**

*Student(s)*: For the purpose of this Regulation, any eligible Student who is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces.

#### **C. CREDIT FOR MILITARY TRAINING COURSES AND OCCUPATIONS**

1. Articulation Coordinating Committee Evaluates Credit for Military Experience Equivalency List
  - a. Military experience equivalency shall be conducted in the manner specified in the Board of Governors (BOG) Articulation Coordinating Committee Policy Regarding the Evaluation and Awarding of Postsecondary Credit for Prior Military Training, Courses, and Occupations.
  - b. Universities shall provide nominations for State University System representation on Statewide Subject Area Discipline Committees in the manner specified by the BOG Chancellor. Four (4) members, plus two (2) alternates, will be selected for each designated discipline committee and serve for two (2) years. Membership preference, where possible, shall be given to faculty members who have experience in determining military experience equivalency for their discipline.
  - c. The BOG shall consider for approval the annual Articulation Coordinating Committee Credit for Military Experience Equivalency List for use by State University System universities in evaluating military experience for postsecondary credit.
2. Procedure to Earn Appropriate Academic College Credit for College-level Training and Education Acquired in the Military

- a. University credit will be granted to Students with military experience in accordance with the standard process and considerations outlined in the Articulation Coordinating Committee Policy Regarding the Evaluation and Awarding of Postsecondary Credit for Prior Military Training, Courses, and Occupations.
- b. Students with military experience noted in the Articulation Coordinating Committee Credit for Military Experience Equivalency List in effect at the time experience is evaluated for equivalency shall be awarded credit.
- c. If the course to which the military training or coursework is equivalent fulfills a general education or major course or degree program requirement, the credit should be considered as meeting the requirement(s). Otherwise, appropriate course credit, including free elective course credit will be granted.
- d. Transfer credit awarded by a Florida public postsecondary degree granting institution that is applicable toward the Student's major, shall be accepted, subject to FGCU's limit on the amount and level of transfer credit allowed for a given degree. Credits awarded by all other postsecondary institutions shall be accepted if those credits are consistent with the current Articulation Coordinating Committee Credit for Military Training Equivalency List.
- e. Credit awarded for military education and training shall be noted on the Student's transcript and documentation of the credit equivalency evaluation shall be maintained in the Student's file.
- f. Credit awarded for military education and training shall not be counted in the excess hours fee per BOG Regulation 7.003, Fees, Fines and Penalties.

#### **D. PRIORITY COURSE REGISTRATION FOR VETERANS**

Each Student who is receiving GI Bill educational benefits, as well as the spouse or dependent children of a veteran to whom the GI Bill education benefits have been transferred, shall be provided the same priority course registration as any other segment of the student population.

#### **E. STUDENT WITHDRAWAL FROM COURSES DUE TO MILITARY SERVICE**

1. Withdrawal Due to Military Service
  - a. Any Student enrolled in a University credit course shall not incur academic or financial penalties by virtue of performing military service on behalf of our country.
  - b. Withdrawal without academic penalty and possible eligible refund will be encouraged except in cases where the Student and faculty member agree that completion is imminent and possible.

- c. If the course is no longer offered when the Student seeks to resume study, an equivalent course may be selected.
  - d. If the Student chooses to withdraw, the Student's record shall reflect that the withdrawal is due to active military service.
2. Students eligible to withdraw under the provisions stated in section E.1.
- a. Students who are currently on active duty with any unit of the United States Armed Forces who receive orders that require reassignment to a different duty station or absence from class for an extended period of time during the semester in which they are enrolled.
  - b. Students who are members of the National Guard, Air National Guard, or other military reserve unit who receive orders calling them to active duty for operational or training purposes during the semester in which they are enrolled, excluding any regularly scheduled weekend and annual training duty.
  - c. Students who are veterans of the United States Armed Forces and who are recalled to active duty during the semester in which they are enrolled.
  - d. Students who enlist in any branch of the United States Armed Forces and whose induction date falls within the semester in which they are enrolled.

*Authority*

*Florida Statutes 1004.07*

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