

# STUDENT VETERANS



From application to graduation, UC Riverside provides resources and services to assist student veterans in school and on their career paths.





# HERE FOR STUDENT VETERANS

UCR offers a variety of programs and services dedicated to meeting the unique academic and personal needs of student veterans, as well as providing opportunities for student veterans to connect with and support one another.

## VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

The Veterans Resource Center, located at Bannockburn H-108, is a central hub of information that connects student veterans to campus and community resources. The center also provides opportunities for peer-to-peer support, mentoring and networking.

Contact the Veterans Resource Center today at  
**(951) 827-2099**

## STUDENT VETERANS ORGANIZATION

The Student Veterans Organization (SVO) is a student group for all veterans, active military and dependents. Its advocacy focuses on ensuring that future student veterans get access to the resources that they need to flourish. SVO also plans fun activities for student veterans and their families throughout the year.



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# APPLYING TO UCR

UCR welcomes students who have completed at least 60 semester (90 quarter) UC-transferable credits with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.40 to apply for transfer admission. These credits must include courses found in the seven-course pattern — two courses in English composition, one course in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning, and four courses from a combination of arts and humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and physical and biological sciences. Select majors also require the completion of major prep courses.

## Admission Requirements

Visit [admissions.ucr.edu/admissions/transfer.html](https://admissions.ucr.edu/admissions/transfer.html) for a complete list. Learn more about transferable units and major prep courses at [assist.org](https://assist.org).

## Create an Academic Plan

Use the University of California Transfer Admissions Planner (UC TAP) prior to applying to UCR. Community college students can also use the TAP portal to complete a Transfer Admissions Guarantee (TAG) application for a possible guaranteed spot at UCR. Visit [go.ucr.edu/transfer](https://go.ucr.edu/transfer) for more information.

## Prepare for the Admissions Process

Download the Military/Veteran Admissions Checklist at [admissions.ucr.edu/admissions/military-veterans.html](https://admissions.ucr.edu/admissions/military-veterans.html).

## Start Your Application

The application for fall admission opens in August and can be submitted from Nov. 1–30. Visit [universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](https://universityofcalifornia.edu/apply) to get started.

## Get Assistance

If you have questions about the transfer admission process, set up an appointment with a transfer admissions counselor. Appointments can be conducted in person or over the phone at (951) 827-3411.

For more information on applying to UCR  
as a veteran, please visit  
[admissions.ucr.edu/admissions/military-veterans.html](https://admissions.ucr.edu/admissions/military-veterans.html).

# FINANCIAL AID & GI BILL BENEFITS

In addition to federal student aid programs, UCR participates in several US Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs programs for active duty members, reservists, veterans and their family members. All military-affiliated families are encouraged to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before March 2 of every calendar year at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) to determine eligibility for financial aid. More information about education benefits offered by the VA is available at [vets.gov](https://vets.gov).

## Active Duty, Reservists and Veterans

### *Tuition Assistance (TA)*

This benefit is paid to active duty members of the armed forces. Congress has given each service the ability to pay up to 100 percent of the tuition expenses of its members.

### *Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)*

Qualified active duty and discharged service members may be eligible for up to 36 months of education benefits, generally payable for 15 years following your release from active duty. A monthly housing allowance and annual books and supplies stipend may also be paid.

### *Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (Chapter 30)*

Military members are entitled to receive a monthly education benefit once they have completed a minimum service obligation through this program.

### *Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)*

This education program provides up to 36 months of education benefits to members of the Selected Reserve.

Active duty, reservists and veterans can learn more  
about their education benefits at  
[financialaid.ucr.edu/veterans-educational-benefits](https://financialaid.ucr.edu/veterans-educational-benefits).

# DEPENDENTS OF VETERANS

## **Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) Transfer of Benefits**

Active service members can transfer all or some unused benefits to their spouse or dependent children. Eligible service members may transfer all 36 months or a portion of unused benefits.

## **Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA/Chapter 35)**

This program offers education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition or of veterans who died while on active duty or as a result of a service-related condition.

## **California College Fee Waiver Program for Veteran Dependents**

This program waives mandatory system-wide tuition and fees at any California Community College, California State University or University of California campus. This program does not cover the expense of books, parking or room and board.

Dependents of veterans can learn more about their benefits at

[financialaid.ucr.edu/veterans-educational-benefits/dependents.html](https://financialaid.ucr.edu/veterans-educational-benefits/dependents.html).



# CAREER PREPARATION

Operation VETS (Veteran Employment Transition and Success) is a career development program designed specifically for student veterans and service members from all majors and class levels. The free program helps participants accomplish their career goals during and after their Highlander years. Meetings are held during the winter and spring quarters, with nine to 12 sessions held each quarter. Led by UCR Career Center counselors, these sessions feature discussions with professionals and employers from various industries.

## **Apply for Operation VETS to:**

- Learn how to translate your military experience into civilian-friendly terms for resumes and interviews.
- Get access to an abundance of veteran-friendly job search resources.
- Create a mentoring relationship with professionals in your field of interest.
- Practice your interview and 30-second-pitch skills with employers.

For more information and to apply, visit [go.ucr.edu/operationvets](https://go.ucr.edu/operationvets) or email the facilitators at [operationvets@ucr.edu](mailto:operationvets@ucr.edu).



## SERVICES FOR UCR VETERANS

### UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

(951) 827-3411

[admissions.ucr.edu/admissions/military-veterans.html](https://admissions.ucr.edu/admissions/military-veterans.html)

Get answers to your questions about the transfer application process and learn about support services for student veterans.

### FINANCIAL AID

(951) 827-3878

[financialaid.ucr.edu/veterans-educational-benefits](https://financialaid.ucr.edu/veterans-educational-benefits)

Get information on using your education benefits, special aid programs for veterans, the impact of deployment on your financial aid and more.

### STUDENT LIFE

(951) 827-7344

[studentlife.ucr.edu/veterans](https://studentlife.ucr.edu/veterans)

Learn about the academic, financial and social support programs and services UCR offers student veterans.

### CAREER CENTER

(951) 827-3631

[careers.ucr.edu](https://careers.ucr.edu)

[go.ucr.edu/operationvets](https://go.ucr.edu/operationvets)

Get assistance in planning your career path, finding internships and jobs, crafting your resume, and prepping for interviews.



**EDWARD BLODGETT**

*Marine Corps  
Fourth-Year English Major*

*"The veteran organization here has been making big moves to improve the lives of our student veterans. The overall success [of student veterans] is the most important goal and we have been working diligently with the school to make sure we have everything we need to provide for our fellow student veterans."*

## OTHER CAMPUS RESOURCES

### COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

(951) 827-5531

[counseling.ucr.edu](https://counseling.ucr.edu)

CAPS provides free and confidential mental health services to UCR students, including individual counseling, couples counseling, and group therapy, as well as psychiatric services.

### STUDENT AFFAIRS CASE MANAGEMENT

(951) 827-5000

[deanofstudents.ucr.edu/emergencycrisis](https://deanofstudents.ucr.edu/emergencycrisis)

Students struggling with a medical, psychological, psychiatric, social, financial or academic issue can turn to case managers who will listen, help them brainstorm, problem solve and ultimately connect them to the right resources.

### STUDENT DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (SDRC)

(951) 827-3861

[sdrc.ucr.edu](https://sdrc.ucr.edu)

SDRC provides academic accommodations and support for students with permanent and temporary disabilities.

### R'KIDS

(951) 827-3337

[rkids.ucr.edu](https://rkids.ucr.edu)

R'Kids is a student-led community for students, faculty and staff with children that offers monthly open forums and family-friendly activities where parents and children can discuss experiences, learn from one another and maintain a well-balanced life.

### THE WELL

(951) 827-9355

[well.ucr.edu](https://well.ucr.edu)

The WELL provides education, trainings, resources and programming for students in a variety of health and wellness topic areas, including veteran's yoga and veterans ally training.



**WILLIAM VASQUEZ**

*Marine Corps  
Fourth-Year Neuroscience Major*

*"UCR fosters a great learning environment. The campus is kept clean and it feels like springtime throughout the year. The professors are very knowledgeable in their respective fields and show enthusiasm for teaching which makes learning more fun."*

## UCR hosts programming for student veterans throughout the year:



### Veterans Day Ceremony

Join us at the campus flagpole to celebrate Veterans Day with a speech by the chancellor, a flag-raising ceremony and free refreshments. This event is held in conjunction with student veterans, the local ROTC, and the staff/faculty veteran and family group.



### Memorial Day Ceremony

Before Memorial Day, join other student veterans in lining the flagpole lawn with small flags that commemorate those we've lost during service. You can volunteer in the morning and the afternoon, and you have the whole day to witness the display and take a moment for reflection.



### Graduating Veterans Lunch

Before student veterans graduate from UCR, you are invited to a lunch where students celebrate earning their degree and receive a red, white and blue cord to wear at graduation.



### Student Veterans Panels

The Veterans Resource Center regularly hosts panels for students, faculty and staff where student veterans can share their experiences in service and at UCR with the campus community.

## Student Veteran Resources

Get the support you need from these campus departments.

VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER  
Bannockburn Village

LOT 24

Softball Field

N. CAMPUS DR.

UNIVERSITY AVE.

60

LOT 1

W. CAMPUS DR.

CANYON CREST DR.

CAREER CENTER

STUDENT LIFE

ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID  
at Student Services Building

STUDENT DISABILITY  
RESOURCE CENTER  
at Costo Hall

BELL TOWER

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This information is accurate and reliable as of the date of publication, but may change without notice. Please contact Student Life for the most up-to-date information. (05/18)



*"[UCR] is veteran-friendly. The Veterans Resource Center has been helpful in answering questions I had."*

**MARLIN VASQUEZ**

Marine Corps  
Third-Year Sociology Major



*"UCR's VASCO [VA School Certifying Official], Career Center and Student Life have been integral to the veteran community."*

**REYMONDO RUIZ**

Marine Corps  
Fourth-Year Sociology Major

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