

University of California, Santa Barbara

Resource Guide

Military Community



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Student Resources

Welcome to the UC Santa Barbara Military Community Resource Guide. UCSB has many resources available for military-related students, including active/reserve and National Guard members, Veterans and military dependents. UCSB has become a recognized leader in its efforts to support military-related students. We encourage all military-related students interested in pursuing an education at UCSB to contact Veterans and Military Services on campus.

85%

of undergraduate military-related students are transfer students

31

average age of military-related students at UCSB

\$2,400

housing allowance for students eligible for certain VA benefit programs

18:1

student-to-faculty ratio

19,000+

students live on or within a mile of campus



VA Educational Benefits & Financial Aid

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships is responsible for certifying and processing state and federal educational benefits for all military-related students. Information is also provided for students serving on active duty using the Military Tuition Assistance benefit. They are encouraged to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the annual March 2 deadline to optimize their aid.

www.finaid.ucsb.edu/veterans

Office of Admissions

Military-related students are an invaluable part of the UCSB campus community. To ensure a successful academic experience, military-related students must meet minimum eligibility requirements and be competitive for admission to UCSB. The Office of Admissions has dedicated Veterans Admissions Counselors who can assist with questions about eligibility, selectivity and course transferability.

admissions.ucsb.edu/applying | (805) 893-2881

University Housing

UCSB guarantees university housing for all students and gives priority consideration for housing placement to Veterans. Exceptions are made to allow Veterans to live in upper division or graduate student housing for which they might otherwise be ineligible, and contract start and end dates can be flexible due to military obligations.

Payment due dates are also deferred for military-related students to account for the normal delay in receiving the monthly Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH).

sa.ucsb.edu/veterans/housing

Unmatched Resources



Veterans and Military Services (VMS)

Veterans and Military Services (VMS) provides 360-degree support to UCSB's military-related student community. As the military community's first stop and strongest advocate, VMS promotes a positive educational experience for military-related students, supports their transition to and through the academic community, and facilitates access to training, services and resources to enable degree completion.

sa.ucsb.edu/veterans

Student Veterans Organization (SVO)

The SVO aims to make the transition to college life as smooth as possible by offering support to new and continuing military-related students. The SVO is a great way for students to get involved in social events, community service, campus leadership and UC policy creation. The organization also works to establish widespread networks of support for military-related students at UCSB and after graduation.

facebook.com/groups/UCSBSVO

Veterans Resource Center (VRC)

The VRC provides a place for students to study, relax and meet fellow military-related students on campus. The center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and provides free wireless internet, lounge space, snacks and study services including a printer, fax machine and scanner. The center also provides information on community resources, workshops and social events. In addition, students using VA benefits may be eligible for VA Work-Study in the VRC.

sa.ucsb.edu/veterans/veteran-resource-center | (805) 893-4724



Applying to UCSB

- 1 Review the admission requirements for freshman and transfer applicants at admissions.ucsb.edu/apply.
- 2 Use the personal insight questions to tell Admissions more about academic performance, achievements and special circumstances.
- 3 Start the UC application as early as August 1 online at universityofcalifornia.edu/apply.
- 4 Submit the UC application from November 1-30. A \$70 application fee is required for each UC campus.

Military-Related Student Perspectives



Gary Huang

Major: Chemical Engineering & Comparative Literature

Age: 29

Branch and MOS: U.S. Army, 91B Vehicle Mechanic

Why UCSB? UCSB has a highly ranked chemical engineering program. It also offers a great

academic environment for me.

Involvement at UCSB: I am involved in the Student Veterans Organization (SVO) and the Veterans Resource Center on top of other organizations through school.



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Major: English

Age: 29

Branch and MOS: U.S. Army Intelligence Collector

Why UCSB? I chose UCSB because it's one of the top public universities, the English

department is solid, and the student and Veteran community are incredibly supportive.

Involvement at UCSB: I do Work-Study at the Veterans Resource Center (VRC), I am the UCSB VRC Outreach and Marketing Coordinator, and I've studied abroad through UCEAP.



Marisa Christopher

Major: Zoology

Age: 28

Branch and MOS: Navy Gold Star Widow (dependent)

Why UCSB? UCSB is a beautiful location with amazing weather.

There are a lot of opportunities to

become involved in outdoor activities and community events. UCSB is the 4th ranked Zoology program in the country and my father's alma mater. There are also incredible research opportunities.

Involvement at UCSB: I have begun research with a graduate student in an EEMB lab and have plans to work with the VRC and Health and Wellness beginning winter quarter.



Edward Rutherford

Major: Sociology

Age: 26

Branch and MOS: Marine Corps 3521 (Automotive Maintenance Technician)

Why UCSB? I chose UCSB because of the relaxed atmosphere and beautiful views.

Involvement at UCSB: I do Work-Study at Veterans Resource Center (VRC) and play intramural sports.

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