


<p>Name of Policy: Awarding of Credit for Military Service Experience</p> <p>Policy Number:</p> <p>Issuing Authority: SUS Board of Supervisors</p> <p>Initial Effective Date: January 1, 2012</p> <p>Revision Date:</p>	 <p>SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Policy Proposal</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Major revision of existing policy</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision to existing policy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reaffirmation of existing policy</p>

I. Policy Statement

Pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 17:3351(E), the Southern University System (SUS) adopts this policy requiring each of its affiliated campuses, where applicable, to award educational credits to students enrolled and are veterans, for courses that are part of their military training or service and meets the standards of the American Council on Education (ACE) or equivalent standards for awarding academic credit if the award of educational credit is based upon the institution's admission standards and its role, scope, and mission.

II. Preamble

The SUS recognizes that students can document their achievement in college-level subject matter via military training, experience, and coursework. It is further committed to the acceptance and awarding of college credit for training and experience in the United States Armed Forces or National Guard, as long as it has been approved by the ACE or Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

III. Guiding Principles

The SUS shall implement and engage the award of course credit for military service experience in a manner consistent with the following guiding principles:

- This policy recognizes prior-learning acquired through military training, experience, and coursework, and that Louisiana's public institutions

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of higher education have been legislatively directed to award appropriate college credit for such learning.

- Prior-learning credits associated with training, experience, and coursework in the Armed Forces will be counted toward degrees consistently across Louisiana public institutions of higher education.
- The policy will be clear to prospective students on how military training, experience, and coursework credits will be awarded at affiliated campuses within the SUS.
- The policy will promote student success.
- The policy will be fair to “native” students, as well as transfer students.
- There will be a balance between maintaining standards and advantaging students in awarding college credit for military, experience, and coursework.
- Students will not be disadvantaged in the acceptance of military training, experience, and coursework credits when transferring within the SUS.
- Students will consult with academic advisors to determine how military training, experience, and coursework credits can be used most effectively in meeting degree requirements. It will be recognized that advisors may recommend that students take a bridge course in order to be successful in their major areas or in a second course in a highly dependent sequence of courses.

IV. Definitions

As used in this policy, the term below is defined as follows:

- A. Veteran**—means a citizen of the United States or a resident alien who has been released from military service under a condition other than dishonorable and who meets at least one of the following conditions:
 - (1) has engaged in active duty in the United States Armed Forces or
 - (2) is a member of the national guard or is a reserve enlistee called to active duty for purposes other than training.

V. Policy

The SUS grants credit for armed service education and training according to recommendations of the ACE. Credit will be awarded in accordance with the Louisiana Board of Regents and the SUS's policies regarding transfer credit. Students must submit an official transcript for evaluation to the respective Registrar's Office from one of the following:

- AARTS (Army/ACE Registry Transcript Service)
- SMART (Sailor/Marine/ACE Registry Transcript)
- Community College of the Air Force transcript

All affiliated campuses, where applicable, will use *ACE Guide to the Evaluation of Education Experiences in the Armed Services* in evaluating and awarding academic credit for military training, experience, and coursework.

If the course to which the military training, experience, or coursework is equivalent fulfills a general education or major course or degree program requirement at the receiving institution, the credit should count towards graduation and meet a requirement accordingly. Otherwise, appropriate course credit including free elective course credit will be granted.

All affiliated campuses, where applicable, will submit information to the campus Chancellor on awarding college credit for military training, experience, and coursework, which should include the number of credits awarded and the course equivalents.

VI. Implementation

The Board will adopt the necessary rules, regulations and procedures to implement the provisions of the foregoing policy, effective beginning with the 2012-2013 academic year and continuing thereafter.