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MILITARY/VETERAN Orientation Packet



Where to go & Who to see

"How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes!" -Maya Angelou

The University of Michigan-Dearborn welcomes you!

We greatly appreciate and respect everyone who has served in defense of our country. The purpose of this orientation packet is to assist you in transitioning to campus life. We understand and value the unique perspective and life experiences that you bring to the classroom. As a University, we take great pride in supporting you and your educational goals.

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A Veteran Success Team (VST) was established to focus on the University's effort to become a Veteran Friendly campus that strives to develop new programs and strategies to assist our military service members. Our goal is to create an environment that will ease the transition. There are many resources available to you both on and off campus. Please visit the hub of resources available to you at the Veteran Services webpage umd.umich.edu/691931.

For assistance in the process of obtaining your VA educational benefits, please contact one of the Veteran Affairs Certifying Officials located in Enrollment Services/Registration & Records on the first floor of the University Center or visit the Veteran Affairs webpage at umd.umich.edu/rr_veterans/.

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PLEASE NOTE: The checklist below is to be used as a guide to help *connect* you with the appropriate people and resources. These on and off campus resources are available to assist you through your educational journey. This checklist is only a guide and *does not* include every hurdle you may face when beginning their academic career work at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Students wishing to apply to UM-Dearborn should follow instructions and guidelines from the UM-Dearborn Office of Admissions and Orientation website at umd.umich.edu/futurestudents, and information from the college or school you wish to major in.

To Do: Complete Military/Veteran Checklist	WHEN AVAILABLE	TO BE COMPLETED
Visit and Tour Campus ✓ The Office of Admissions and Orientation offers multiple visit options-choose the one that best fits your schedule. You can register on-line at umd.umich.edu/visitsandevents or by calling 313-593-5100	Readily Available	Prior to your first day of classes
Apply for Admission ✓ To apply online, visit umd.umich.edu/apply/ . No Application fee! Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until the first day of classes each semester.	Readily Available	ASAP

<p>Apply for VA Educational Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete the Application for VA Education Benefits online at the Veterans Online Application (VONAPPP) web site. When the application process is completed, VA will issue a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to qualified individuals. The certificate will contain basic eligibility information including months of entitlement, period of eligibility and benefit level. Please submit a copy to a UM-Dearborn Certifying Official in the Enrollment Services/Registration & Records Office located at 1169 University Center. 	Readily Available	Once you have applied for admission to the University
<p>Check your Residency Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ If you are not admitted as an in-state student you may make a request for residency by applying at epd.umd.umich.edu/pros_students/pdf/Residency_App_Form_UPD.pdf ✓ If your status has <i>not</i> changed and you remain an out-of-state resident after applying for residency, and you are receiving Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits at 100%, click the following link to see if you are eligible to apply for the Yellow Ribbon Program 	Readily Available	<p><u>Academic Term</u> Fall: Sept. 30 Winter: January 31 Summer: July 31</p>
<p>Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ File online at fafsa.ed.gov (recommended) ✓ Completed <i>every year</i> School Code: 002326 	Can be completed after January 1 st of the year you will start classes in.	February 15 th
<p>Sign up for Placement Exams and Orientation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Visit umd.umich.edu/orientation for information on placement exams and orientation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Step 1:</i> Submit Placement Exam/Orientation reservation form ▪ <i>Step 2:</i> Take Placement Exams ▪ <i>Step 3:</i> Attend Orientation for academic advising and class registration 	Dates Available Online	As soon as you are officially admitted.
<p>Check out the Admitted Student Websites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Incoming Freshmen: umd.umich.edu/admittedstudents ✓ Transfers: umd.umich.edu/transfervisit/ 	Readily Available	Once Admitted
<p>Set up your e-mail account</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ If you do not receive a letter from the ITS Accounts Office within two weeks of being admitted, go to 1140 Computer Wing or contact them at 313-593-3274 	Mailed within two weeks of being admitted	Within two weeks of admission
<p>Register for Classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Meet with your academic unit advisor (New students register during Freshman or Transfer orientation through the Office of Admissions & Orientation) ✓ Consult with the Veteran Liaison located in the Academic Support & Outreach Services Office, 2170 University Center ✓ To view the Schedule of Class visit umd.umich.edu/rr_registration/ ✓ Follow the Veteran Affairs Certification Guidelines on the next page 	Dates available online	Based on credits toward degree (See Registration Schedule)

<p>Review the Veteran Affairs and Veteran Services pages at umd.umich.edu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Veteran Affairs Link: umd.umich.edu/rr_va/ ✓ Veteran Services Link: umd.umich.edu/veteranservices/ 	Readily Available	
<p>Veteran Affairs Certification Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Submit the <i>UM-Dearborn Certification Request</i> form located on the Veterans Affairs webpage at umd.umich.edu/rr_veterans/ click on <i>Initiating your VA Benefits</i>. ✓ If you haven't done so already, submit supporting documentation. Please submit a copy of your COE from the VA, to a UM-Dearborn Certifying Official. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Student Verification of Enrollment</i>. Chapter 30, 1606 and 1607 students must verify their enrollment monthly by Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE) or by Interactive Voice Response (IVR). Payments will not be sent until this is done. The preferred method is WAVE, which includes features not in IVR. WAVE allows students to verify their enrollment on the Internet. The web address is gibill.va.gov/wave/. Students must be currently enrolled in an approved educational program and must have a current benefit award to use WAVE. IVR allows students to call (877-823-2378) their monthly verifications. The monthly verification of enrollment procedure has not been adopted for Chapters 33 or 35 students. ✓ Remember to contact a Certifying Official if there are any changes in the number of credit hours for which you are registered. This will affect your certification. ✓ Veteran Educational Benefits are certified on a term basis. Please be sure to complete the UM-Dearborn Certification Request form <i>each</i> term. ✓ Contact the University Certifying Officials for more information or questions regarding your educational benefits. ✓ For specific Veteran Certification Policies and Procedures please visit the following webpage: umd.umich.edu/692609/ 	Readily Available	When you are officially enrolled in courses
<p>Make an appointment with Disability Services (if applicable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Contact Disability Services Coordinator at 313-593-5340 or by email at counseling@umd.umich.edu 	Readily Available M-F, 8-5	If Applicable
<p>Looking for Housing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Check out our Off-Campus Housing Referral Service at umd.umich.edu/support/housing. 	Readily Available	If Needed
<p>Contact OEF/OIF Program Manager (if applicable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Contact OEF/OIF program manager at VA hospital in Detroit for access to VA health care and information on service-related disabilities. ✓ Phone: 313-576-1000 ✓ Link: detroit.va.gov 	Readily Available M-F, 8-5	If Applicable
<p>Meet with the Veteran Liaison to continue your transition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Contact the Veteran Liaison at 313-593-5341 ✓ Can assist in shaping your schedule 	Readily Available M-F, 8-5	