Military and Veterans Studies

Courses

**MVS 1100 Veterans Transition Seminar: 1 semester hour**
This course is designed for the student veteran who is new to UMSL but not eligible for the First Year Experience class. It will survey essential life skills (time management, financial management, physical fitness) and tools for academic success (note-taking, writing, research, oral presentation). It will familiarize students with the relationship between their education and their career and personal goals. It will also expose students to campus and veteran-specific support services. Maybe most importantly, this course will provide a venue for veterans to connect with other veterans who are facing a similar transition.

**MVS 2000 Selected Topics in Military or Veterans Studies: 1-3 semester hours**
Selected topics in military or veterans studies. The topics will vary each semester. May be taken more than once for credit as long as the topic differs.

**MVS 2100 Veterans in America: 3 semester hours**
Prerequisite: ENGL 1100, ENGL 1110 or HONORS 1100. With a focus on the American veteran experience, this survey course will explore basic concepts, ideas and research into veterans and veteran institutions. In a multidisciplinary manner, we will examine military culture, the unique status of veterans in our society, and veteran institutions. We will study the successes, challenges and obligations our society faces related to its veteran community.

**MVS 2130 Gender and the Military: 3 semester hours**
Same As: GS 2130. This course investigates how the military treats gender difference, explores how military culture is defined, and how gender is a socially constructed concept. Topics include: What is military culture? What is gender? How do military culture and gender intersect? How does gender identity affect the military/soldiers? How prevalent are sexual assault and sexual harassment? How does this affect morale? How might it be eradicated? How do LGBTQ issues play out in military culture? How do disability and trauma shape the military experience? How does the military experience affect veterans’ families? How are these issues being addressed globally?

**MVS 3500 Internship in Veterans Studies: 1-3 semester hours**
Prerequisites: Junior Standing and consent of the department chair. Independent study involving regular on-site work with an appropriate public or private agency serving the veteran community. A written report reflecting on the experience is required. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credit hours.

**MVS 4100 Veterans Studies Capstone Seminar: 3 semester hours**
Prerequisites: MVS 2100 and senior standing. Mentored by a faculty member, students in this course will apply insights gained from previous coursework into a substantial Veterans Studies project. Students will work with the instructor and the class to develop a topic, establish a research or project plan, then prepare a project or paper suitable for presentation to the public. Students should expect that their work will be published or presented at an end-of-the-year symposium. This is not an independent study.

**MVS 4200 Independent Study in Military and Veterans Issues: 1-3 semester hours**
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Faculty mentored, independent study through readings, reports, or field research. No student may take more than a cumulative total of 6 hours of Independent Study.