

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR VETERANS



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The entire Mount community thanks you and your family for your service to our country. Your transition to college is important to us. We can help you navigate your educational benefits and help you reach your career goals. The educational benefits under the GI Bill, the Yellow Ribbon Program and many other programs continue to change. Visit our website at www.msj.edu/veterans for the latest information.

Principles of Excellence

The Mount is proud to be part of the Principles of Excellence Program of the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. These guiding principles help to ensure quality and service in meeting the educational needs of veterans. For more information, visit http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/principles_of_excellence.asp.

Mount Named Military Friendly School

In recognition of the dedication and service to the nation's veterans, G.I. Jobs magazine has named the Mount a Military Friendly School. This designation places the Mount in the top 15 percent of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide. Over the past few years, the Mount has increased its support of veterans through the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, the Yellow Ribbon Program, credit for military education, the Veterans in Communities (VIC) Club, and a veterans admission counselor and advisor.

Chapter 33 Benefits

If you are eligible, you will receive a Certificate of Eligibility (COE). Submit your COE to Lynn Taber, VA School Certification Official, in the Academic Advising Resource Center, Conlan Center.

Consult with your advisor before you register for classes.

Your enrollment is submitted to VA 30 days prior to the first day of class. Dropping courses will create an overpayment to the school and you. You are responsible for paying back any overpayment.

You will receive up to \$1,000 per year for books.

Your monthly housing allowance is based on your registered hours: 12+ hours, full

time (undergraduates); 9+ hours, full time (graduates), the BAH is paid 100%. If your course load is under full time, the BAH is pro-rated.

Yellow Ribbon Program

The Mount participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program, a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008.

Veterans who choose to attend the Mount as part of the Yellow Ribbon Program will receive assistance to pay tuition and fees for undergraduate or master's degree programs. The cost will be covered by the Veterans Administration in partnership with the Mount up to the allowable maximum amount per year.

An eligible veteran may also choose to assign these benefits to his or her spouse or dependent offspring.

Credit for Military Education

The American Council on Education's (ACE) Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services is the standard reference work for recognizing learning acquired in the military. The Mount awards credit for professional military education based on evaluations and credit recommendations as set forth in the ACE Guide. While not all courses and trainings have been evaluated by ACE, most students will be awarded approximately 4-5 credit hours for Basic Training.

See www.msj.edu/veterans for links to request your military transcripts.

To have a preliminary evaluation of your professional military education contact Julie Keller, Prior Learning Assessment Coordinator, at julie.keller@msj.edu or 513-244-4625.

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Undergraduate Degree Programs

Accounting
Art Education
Athletic Training
Biochemistry
Biology
Biomedical Sciences
Business – Financial Economics **NEW!**
Business – Management **NEW!**
Business – Marketing **NEW!**
Chemistry
Chemistry/Mathematics
Communication and New Media Studies
Computer Science **NEW!**
Criminology
Education – Inclusive Early Childhood
Education – Middle Childhood
Education – Special Education
Educational Studies
English
Fine Arts
General Studies
Graphic Design
Health and Wellness
History
Mathematics
Mathematics/Financial Economics **NEW!**
Mathematics/Chemistry
Music
Neuroscience
Nursing
Paralegal Studies
Psychology
Religious Studies
Social Work
Sociology
Sport Management
Web & Mobile App Development **NEW!**
 Technical Track
 Graphic Design Track

Graduate Programs

Doctor of Nursing Practice
Doctor of Physical Therapy
Master of Arts in Religious Studies
Master of Arts
 (Major in Teaching or Education)
Master of Business Administration
 (4+1 and Saturday Programs)
Master of Science in Nursing
Master of Science in Organizational
 Leadership (MSOL)

Check the most current offerings at www.msj.edu/academics.

Other Options for Earning Credit

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) offers students opportunities to obtain credit for college level learning which has occurred outside a college setting. Any student whose prior experiential learning is comparable to college course work may seek credit through PLA channels.

The Mount accepts credit resulting from successful completion of recognized tests in the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). CLEP exams are taken pass/fail. Contact Julie Keller at julie.keller@msj.edu or 513-244-4625 for further information.

Support Services

Learning Center

The Learning Center is for all students and offers peer and professional tutoring, a Math & Science Center, Writing Center, accommodated testing, and instruction in learning strategies.

Academic Advising Resource Center

At the Mount, academic advising is a partnership (between advisor and advisee) that is viewed as integral to the educational experience and the development of the student. The Academic Advising Resource Center proudly boasts advisors that embrace the importance of effective, ongoing academic advising with a focus to intervene early, intensively and continuously so that students have the greatest chance of success at the Mount.

Career Development Assistance

The Career & Experiential Education Center offers career assessment, résumé resources and on-campus recruiting.

Cooperative Education

You can participate in the Mount's Cooperative Education program, available in every major, to gain valuable work experience while still in college.

Admission Requirements

1. Schedule an interview with an admission counselor to complete an application.
2. Official transcripts from all schools previously attended must be sent directly from the institution(s) to the Office of Admission, 5701 Delhi Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45233.
3. If you haven't been to college, send us an officially sealed copy of your high school transcript.*
4. Complete the COMPASS assessment tests for reading, writing and mathematics as determined by the admission counselor or faculty advisor.*

* If you have completed at least 12 semester hours at a regionally accredited institution of higher education and have a 2.0 GPA, these steps may not be required.

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On the Web

To apply or for more information about admission visit www.msj.edu/admission.

For more information about veteran resources, including helpful links, visit www.msj.edu/veterans.

For more information on benefits, visit www.gbill.va.gov.



Mount Graduate, Veteran Matthew Schmittou '12

After Air Intelligence Officer Matthew Schmittou '12, graduated from high school in 2004, he spent four years in the Marine Corps where he served two tours in Iraq and was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for acts of valor during combat. During his time at the Mount, Schmittou volunteered on three mission trips in two years to southern Belize through his church.

He also took part in honor societies, peer tutoring programs and supported fellow veterans through Veterans in Communities (VIC), an outreach organization for local veterans on the Mount's campus. "One of the things I appreciate most about the Mount is its service learning mission," he said. "It's one of the things that drew me to the University. I believe service is an important part of life and I am glad that this University believes that as well."

Schmittou graduated summa cum laude from the Mount with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. He was awarded the 2012 Nontraditional Distinguished Student award and spoke at commencement. "With a smaller atmosphere and hometown feel, you're not a number at the Mount. That's very appealing to someone coming out of the military, who was a number and a statistic for years," he said.

Mount St. Joseph University ("the University") is committed to providing an educational and employment environment free from discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation or other minority or protected status. This commitment extends to the University's administration of its admission, financial aid, employment, and academic policies, as well as the University's athletic programs and other University-administered programs, services, and activities.

The University has designated the chief compliance and risk officer, 513-244-4393, Office of the President, as the individual responsible for responding to inquiries, addressing complaints, and coordinating compliance with its responsibilities under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable federal and state civil rights laws. The University has designated the director of Learning Center & Disabilities Services, 513-244-4524, as the individual responsible for responding to inquiries, addressing complaints, and coordinating compliance with its responsibilities under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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