Information for New Students Planning to Use Veterans Education Benefits at UC San Diego Extended Studies

What is UC San Diego Division of Extended Studies (DES)?

UC San Diego Division of Extended Studies (DES) is the University of California, San Diego's professional continuing education and public service division. We offer continuing education, certificate, and degree-related programs. DES does not confer academic degrees.

Please note that we are a separate institution from UC San Diego main campus. We have our own facility code and vendor information that is different from theirs. For questions about using your benefits at our main campus, please reach out to VAO@ucsd.edu.

Who should I contact if I have any questions?

Topic	Who to Contact	How to Contact
Applying for VA Benefits	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/ Education Call Center: 1-888-442-4551 or submit an inquiry at https://ask.va.gov/
Utilizing your VA education benefits at UCSD Extended Studies	UCSD Extended Studies VA Education Benefits Coordinator (VAEBC)*	Unex-veterans@ucsd.edu
UCSD Extended Studies certificate program details, including upcoming schedule of classes and specific course information	UCSD Extended Studies Certificate Program Manager	Contact information provided on certificate program website
Services for students with disabilities at UCSD Extended Studies	UCSD Extended Studies Disability Coordinator	unex-ssd@ucsd.edu
Enrollment Status/Rate of Pursuit	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	Education Call Center: 1-888-442-4551 or submit an inquiry at https://ask.va.gov/
Monthly Housing Allowance/Supplementary Benefits	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	Education Call Center: 1-888-442-4551 or submit an inquiry at https://ask.va.gov/
Chapter 31 VR&E program questions	Your Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC)	Email or phone

Please allow up to 2-3 business days for a response during peak periods.

Intake Process

What benefits does UCSD Extended Studies accept?

UC San Diego Extended Studies accepts these benefits:

- Chapter 30—Montgomery GI Bill®, Active Duty (MGIB-AD)
- Chapter 31—Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program (VR&E)
- Chapter 33—Post 9/11 GI Bill®
  - Also see information about the Fry Scholarship, and Transferring your Post-9/11 Bill to Spouse and Dependents
- Chapter 35—Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA)
- Chapter 1606—Montgomery GI Bill®, Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)
- Chapter 1607—Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

Please visit the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) website to learn more about the different benefits and the criteria for eligibility.

What documents do I need to provide to utilize veterans' education benefits at UCSD Extended Studies?

Students are required to submit a VA Registration Packet to a VA Education Benefits Coordinator at unex-veterans@ucsd.edu. The registration packet includes a checklist of the documentation that will need to be provided to begin a VA file at our institution.

Please do not enroll yourself in courses before completing the VA intake process at UCSD Extended Studies. We are unable to proceed with enrollment using VA benefits until the process is fully completed.

How long does the VA intake process take at UCSD Extended Studies?

For best results, we recommend submitting a complete registration packet and documentation at least 20 business days before the quarter begins to allow us time to review, approve, and process enrollment requests.

Students are accepted on a rolling basis, although we recommend completing the intake process before the beginning of the quarter, as that is when most courses will begin. Specific quarter dates can be found on our Academic Calendar here.

We cannot move forward with enrollment until the intake process is fully completed.

This process may take longer during our peak periods at the beginning of the quarter and the start of the enrollment period. Emails will be responded to in the order in which it was received.

Program Eligibility for VA Funding

What UCSD Extended Studies programs are eligible for VA Benefits?

Search for "UC San Diego Division of Extended Studies," under the Non College Degree program type, on the WEAMS Institution Search application for a list of approved programs.

Am I able to take individual courses using my benefits?

The VA only pays for courses that are part of an approved certificate program, unless the student is enrolling as a guest student. Courses that are not required for your certificate or program will otherwise not be able to be covered by VA funding and cannot be counted toward your enrollment status.

Can I use my benefits at more than one school at a time? How do I enroll at Extended Studies as a guest student?

A student can only use their benefits at two different schools at the same time if the course(s) taken at the "secondary" institution will transfer back to your home (i.e. parent/primary) school and be counted towards your degree. The student will be considered a guest student at the "secondary" school (i.e. at our school). **The guarantee of transferability of the course(s) at Extended Studies and that it will count towards your degree is determined by your home institution, not us at Extended Studies.**

If your home institution approves courses taken here at Division of Extended Studies as being transferable back towards your degree, then you can attend UC San Diego Division of Extended Studies as a guest student. Your home institution would be your primary school and we at Extended Studies would be your secondary school.

Please ensure that the school and School Certifying Official at your home university has approved your attendance as a guest student with us at Extended Studies for the course you mentioned below. Your home institution must approve a guaranteed transfer of credit back to their school.

Additionally, please fill out and send us the VA Registration Packet. No transcripts are required if you are attending as a guest student.

The School Certifying Official at the home university must submit a parent letter directly to us via email at unex-veterans@ucsd.edu or by fax at (858) 246-1031.

Can I pursue more than one program at a time using my benefits?

Students using VA benefits may only pursue one approved program at a time.

Housing/Rate of Pursuit

Can I be a full-time student at UCSD Extended Studies?

Please note that we do not guarantee that your enrollment in any UCSD Extended Studies program will make you eligible for additional housing benefits.

At UC San Diego Extended Studies, 12 units is still considered full-time, and 6 units is half-time. Students must be enrolled *more than* half-time (>50%) to qualify for additional housing benefits.

Your enrollment status may vary throughout the quarter because UC San Diego Division of Extended Studies courses have variable beginning and ending dates. The VA calculates enrollment status based on the specific dates and number of weeks you are in attendance and the credit hours you earn during that period.

The VA has the final authority to calculate and pay housing benefits. More information about education benefit rates can be found here.

Other Military-Affiliated Funding Sources

Does my enrollment at UC San Diego Extended Studies qualify for the Cal Vet College Tuition Waiver?

Under Section 32320 of the California Education Code, students enrolled in UC San Diego Division of Extended Studies programs and other self-supporting UC programs are not eligible to use the Cal Vet College Tuition Fee Waiver.

Can I use military Tuition Assistance (TA) at UCSD Extended Studies?

Effective Sept. 5, 2014, UC San Diego Division of Extended Studies is no longer eligible to participate in the Military Tuition Assistance program. Please contact the Department of Defense for additional information about qualified institutions participating in Tuition Assistance.

Can I use the Military Spouse Career Advancement Account (MyCAA) Scholarship Program at UCSD Extended Studies?

Approved programs at UCSD Extended Studies that lead to a recognized license or certification with a specified concentration or major are eligible for MyCAA funding. MyCAA does not pay for general studies or interdisciplinary programs that do not have a specific concentration, nor will they pay for courses that are not included in your education or training plan or courses that have been started or completed. Please click here to learn more about MyCAA.

To see MyCAA approved programs, please visit MyCAA's program search link here. Our school is listed as "University of California San Diego."