

## Changes to Degree Plan Requirements with American Military University

A recent analysis of degree plans and Soldier enrollments with AMU in GoArmyEd showed 2,372 Soldiers are currently enrolled in a number of Drop-down Degree Plans whose requirements mirror that of Fully Developed Degree Plans. Effective October 1, 2016, these degree plans are being transitioned to allow the Soldiers to enroll into classes without having the requirement to complete a Course Planner. Transitioning Soldiers will not have to go through VIA.

This transition will not require any action on your part; this correspondence is informational only.

If you have already submitted a Course Planner for approval, it will be inactivated and will no longer require approval as Course Planners are not required for Fully Developed Degree Plans.

The home school will be required to submit a new electronic SOC Student Agreement by the time you complete your next six semester hours at the home school, or nine semester hours at any school in GoArmyEd.

If you have already enrolled in classes through the Course Planner, the enrollments will not be affected by this transition. If the enrollment is with another Letter of Instruction (LOI) school or with a Non-LOI school, the home school will need to ensure the Soldier does not lose transfer credit by submitting it with the Student Agreement.



### GoArmyEd Facelift



When you log in to GoArmyEd after September 24, 2016, you will notice GoArmyEd has a new look and feel to streamline processes for easier use, and enhance both user experience and overall design. All features you currently utilize in GoArmyEd will continue to be available.

There will be a few notable improvements, including:

- Redesigned homepage with updated color scheme
- Training approvers and eligibility information located on the homepage
- Redesigned, streamlined Training Application
- Updated Step-by-step Instructions and Videos to reflect all new system updates

#### Website:

<http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/EducationandTraining.aspx>

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## University of Kansas Entrepreneurship Certificate Program Coming to Ft Riley



Fort Riley and the KU School of Business are pleased to announce the offering of KU's Certificate in Entrepreneurship for all Fort Riley soldiers, staff and their families interested in learning how to start their own businesses.

"Starting Your Own Business" provides an overview of what it takes to start a business, how to identify and validate good ideas for new businesses, and how to organize yourself to succeed in new business creation. The next course, "Financing Your Business", in which you'll learn where and how to raise funds to start your business plus how to keep score on your business' financial performance. By completing the third course, "Marketing Your Own Business", you'll learn how to acquire and retain customers to generate sales of your product or service.

The KU 24-week Certificate in Entrepreneurship program provides the student with fully transferrable college credits, access to the resources of the KU Center for Entrepreneurship which includes individual tutoring to help get your business started and mentoring to help grow your business. Want more information? See your counselor at Fort Riley Education Services, participate at the KU Open House on 13 October at 1100-1330 at Education Services, Building 211 Custer Ave Room 112, or attend the Education Fair at Riley's on 17 November to meet with representatives from the KU School of Business to find out more information about the program. Flyer attached with newsletter.

## Upcoming Hiring & Education Fair

Fort Riley Education Services, Army Community Service, Employment Readiness Program, and Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program will be hosting our annual Hiring & Education Fair. The Hiring & Education Fair will be held November 17, 2016 at Riley's Conference Center, 446 Seitz Drive, Fort Riley, Kansas, 66442 from 10:00am-3:00pm. This event brought in over 700 participants last year! We anticipate 140 schools and businesses from across the United States to participate. The fair will be open to everyone! More to follow in the November newsletter.

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- \* 10th Holiday
- \* 11th Resiliency Day
- \* 28th Resiliency Day

## IMPORTANT DATES

"Learn How To Start  
Your Own Business"  
Come to the

## KU Open House

13 October  
2016

211 Custer Ave  
Room 112

#### Financial Aid Workshop



25 Oct 2016  
at 1330

211 Custer Ave  
Room 206

Workshop is Open to All

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## English—Speak Other Languages (ESOL)

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Barton Community College offers ESOL classes for Active Duty Soldiers and Family Members. The class provides beginning English language learners with an integrated English communication experience. Students will develop skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing. Areas of study and practice will include commonly-used sounds; essential academic and social vocabulary; simple sentence structure; simple paragraphing; conversation; reading aloud; and public speaking.

As student language skills improve, students will work to improve their pronunciation, listening and reading comprehension, understanding of progressive and perfect verb tenses, public speaking effectiveness, sentence variety, and paragraph development. Students will work toward greater fluency in Standard English.

The classes will coincide with the regular Leaders Skills Enhancement Courses (LSEC) schedule cycles. The class will be 45 minutes of lecture with practical exercises followed by a one hour lab and practical exercise. Classes will be in a classroom setting where students and instructors will be able to practice their communication skills. The student will be evaluated on communication development and can continue in additional ESOL classes (three levels in all).

The next session will begin November 1<sup>st</sup> and run until December 16<sup>th</sup>. The ESOL classes are held, Monday through Friday, from 11:30 am to 12:45 pm.

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## Do You Speak Urdu or Sudanese?

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The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center announced on 23 Sept 2016, that the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT)'s lower range Multiple Choice Test (MCT) will be released in Sudanese on 24 OCT 2016 and Urdu will be released on 7 NOV 2016. These DLPT'S will be available soon at Ft Riley. A 4187 is required for testing.



## Hutchinson Community College



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Hutchinson Community College in Hutchinson, Kansas, offers more than 160 different certificates and associate degree programs. Tuition is \$2,472 per year, and 75% of students receive financial aid. The school prides itself on its beautiful campus and on providing students with the college experience. Approximately 65% of its students graduate or transfer.

Read more: <http://www.investopedia.com/articles/markets-economy/091216/10-best-community-colleges-united-states.asp#ixzz4LgAN65fL>

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## Newly Update Advanced Degree Search for VIA Tool

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For Soldiers who already know the degree/school they wish to attend, the Advanced Degree search functionality in VIA will be further improved as of September 24-25, 2016.

You will select the "Search for Other Degree Programs Not Listed" button on the degree recommendations page, enter the name of your school under the "School Keywords" filter, and select the appropriate "Degree Level" filters (e.g., Bachelors).

All degree titles offered at the school will display. You will want to select the closest degree title available. Degree titles that have their school name displayed after them have been verified by the school in GoArmyEd. Degree titles that display "multiple schools" after them are based on more generic degree data reported by the school to the Department of Education. In this case, you will be prompted to manually enter the specific degree name for that degree after you select your school in VIA.

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## Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) Rate Increase

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Effective October 1, 2016, the new rate as a full time student (based on 12 credit hours per semester for Undergraduate programs, and 9 credit hours for Graduate studies) using the MGIB, will increase to \$1,857.00 per month.

To apply for benefits:

1. Click on *Apply Online* link.
2. Launch *Veterans Online Application (VONAPP)*.
3. Click *I am a new VONAPP User*.
4. Continue by creating a VONAPP account username and password.
5. Follow instructions and complete your VA form 22-1990.
6. Submit your online application and allow 6-8 weeks for the Department of Veterans Affairs to mail you a **Certificate of Eligibility**.
7. After receiving your Certificate of Eligibility, give the certificate to your **school VA certifying official**.



## Common Application MOS Field



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Some Soldiers are unable to submit their Common Application due to the Military Occupation Specialty (MOS) field being blank or not fully populating due to data transfer delay to GoArmyEd. The MOS field may take up three (3) hours to populate after account creation and you will need to submit the Common Application again after three (3) hours.