



ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY

VETERANS SUCCESS CENTER

Division of
Student Affairs

2018–19
Queens Campus



*To our men and women in uniform
—past, present, and future—
God bless you and thank you.*



“One Goal,

The mission of the St. John's University Veterans Success Center (SJVSC) is to support student veterans at the University in their pursuit of higher education. The Center assists student veterans in successfully transitioning from military service to University life through networking opportunities, academic and other resources, community service, and advocacy. The SJVSC fosters an environment honoring military service and improving the quality of their University experience.



One Mission™

STUDENT VETERANS ASSOCIATION—TOP FIVE PILLARS

1. Academics
2. Career
3. Leadership and Transition
4. Service
5. Graduation

VETERANS SUCCESS CENTER AT ST. JOHN'S OFFERS

- a seamless approach to assisting student veterans from acceptance to commencement; and an opportunity to receive mentoring, tutoring, housing assistance, financial aid, advising, and career services



- Academic Advisement
- Academic Liaison in each College Office
- Campus Ministry
- Campus Recreation
- Career Counseling, Military to Civilian Résumé
- Collaboration with Campus-Wide Organizations
- Disabled Student Services
- Financial Services
- Library Assistance
- Lounge Space
- Mental Health and Wellness
- Mission 22
- New Student Veteran Orientation
- Peer Mentoring
- Public Safety, Free Veteran Parking Program
- SALUTE—National Honor Society for Student Veterans
- Sigma Puppies Awareness Program and Fundraiser for PTSD
- Student Veterans Association
- Textbook Exchange Program
- Tutoring
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
- Writing Assistance

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Office of Admission

David Pierre

Senior Assistant Director

St. Vincent Hall

Tel 718-990-2616

pierred@stjohns.edu

Office of the Registrar

Newman Hall, Room 106

Monday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.*

Tuesday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

* On Mondays, a representative is available in the Office of Student Financial Services until 7 p.m.

Transfer Student Services

Melissa Mirabella

Associate Director, Transfer Student Services

Admission Welcome Center

Tel 718-990-5533

mirabelm@stjohns.edu

University Freshman Center (UFC)

Andrew A. Lyons, Jr.

Associate Director, UFC Director, Advisement Support

St. Augustine Hall, Room 104

Tel 718-990-6204

lyonsa@stjohns.edu

Campus Ministry

Student Veteran Association | Chaplain
Sr. Patricia Evanick, D.C.
Campus Minister for Catholic Formation and Leadership
 University Ministry
 Marillac Hall, Room 239
 Tel 718-990-6115
evanickp@stjohns.edu

Campus Support Advisor

Provides confidential support to victims of sexual violence including sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and/or stalking. Please call to make an appointment at 718-990-8484.

Center for Counseling and Consultation

Marillac Hall, Room 130
 Tel 718-990-6384

Center for Psychological Services

Seton Complex
 152-11 Union Turnpike
 Queens, NY 11367
 Tel 718-990-1900
 Fax 718-990-1586
psychcenter@stjohns.edu

Fitness Center

Carnesecca Arena
 Tel 718-990-2357
fitness@stjohns.edu

Health Center

John J. DaSilva Academic Center, First Floor
 Tel 718-990-6360
 Fax 718-990-2368

Institute for Writing Services

St. Augustine Hall
 Tel 718-990-2787
writingcenter@stjohns.edu
 (Online appointments are available.)

Laptop Shop

Sullivan Hall, First Floor
 Tel 718-990-6672

Library Services

St. Augustine Hall
stjohns.edu/libraries/general-information/library-hours

Off-Campus Housing

jumpoffcampus.com

SALUTE | National Honor Society for Veterans

stjohns.edu/veterans

Services for Students with Disabilities

Jason Luchs
Associate Director
Counseling Center
 Marillac Hall, Room 130
 Tel 718-990-6864
luchsj@stjohns.edu

Sexual Violence Outreach, Awareness and Response Office (SOAR)

stjohns.edu/soar

Student Veterans Association

stjohns.edu/veterans

University Career Services

Daisy Saldana
 Career Advisor, College of Professional Studies
 Veteran Career Advisor
 University Career Services
 St. Augustine Hall, Second Floor, Room 2-087
 Tel 718-990-5979
saldand1@stjohns.edu

University Information System (UIS)

Login provides access to class schedule by day and time, detailed schedule, address information, e-mail, holds, academic record, overall status of financial aid, cost of attendance, and student requirements.
stjohns.edu/uis

University Learning Commons

St. Augustine Hall, Room 103
 Tel 718-990-6566, ext. 1367
SJULearningCommons@stjohns.edu

VETERAN STUDENT FINANCIAL SPECIALISTS

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COLLEGE LIAISONS

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Hire Heroes USA

Hire Heroes USA is dedicated to creating job opportunities for US military veterans and their spouses through personalized employment training and corporate engagement.

hireheroesusa.org

TurboTap.Org: Employee Assistance

This Department of Defense site includes a Career Decision Toolkit incorporating many components involved in developing a career. Additional material is available on transitions, including relocation assistance and leaving the service.

dmdc.osd.mil/appj/dwp/index.jsp

USAJOBS

The federal government has a long and outstanding record of employing veterans. Veterans have technical skills in areas of critical importance, and many also already have security clearances required for some federal positions. Federal service provides a means for veterans to continue their noble service to this country.

usajobs.gov

Websites

- benefits.va.gov/vow
- hireveterans.com/jobfairs
- military.com/veteran-jobs

US Department of Labor: Veterans' Employment and Training Services (VETS)

The VETS program has a collection of sources to assist veterans, active duty military, and employers in locating and matching military personnel with employment. Information is provided on grants for job training and hiring fairs; grants for homeless vets; and a compensation and benefits handbook for ill, wounded, and injured service members.

dol.gov/vets

US Small Business Administration (SBA): Office of Veterans Business Development

SBA has a diverse assortment of programs available to assist veterans, reserve members of the military, and family and survivors with small businesses by providing information on starting a business, competing for grants, and hiring employees.

- vaforvets.va.gov
- va.gov/jobs
- vetjobs.com
- vetfriends.com





VFW Post 3427: Queensboro Hill Post

136-06 Horace Harding Expressway
Flushing, NY 11367

VFW Post 9352: Rosedale Post

245-02 Francis Lewis Blvd.
Jamaica, NY 11433

VFW Post 536: Flushing Post

4141 150th St.
Flushing, NY 11355



VFW Post 5298: Col. Edward O. Gourdin Post
143-17 Springfield Blvd.
Springfield Gardens, NY 11413

VFW Post 4787: Whitestone Community Post
19-12 149th St.
Whitestone, NY 11357



COMMITMENT

The US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

VA provides educational benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill, the Veterans Educational Assistance Program, the Dependents Educational Assistance Program, and the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve. Additional information can be obtained from a VA Regional Office, online, or through the toll-free number.

Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)

This New York State agency helps people pay for college, providing information on available veterans tuition awards, and awards for children of veterans.

Tel 888-697-4372

hesc.ny.gov/

In accordance with the Department of Veterans Affairs education benefits programs, St. John's University works with military and veteran students to ensure awareness of programs for which they are eligible. We offer personalized advisement, including information on special benefits, living stipends, and available support services. Students are encouraged to utilize their benefits; in some instances, 100 percent of tuition and fees may be covered. We honor an array of such programs, including

Chapter 1606—Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

Available to eligible members of the Selected Reserve from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and National Guard military branches.

Chapter 30—Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (MGIB-AD)

Provides up to 36 months of education benefits for eligible veterans. Monthly benefits are based upon several factors which include, but are not limited to, length of service, category, and type of training.

Chapter 31—Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program (VR&E)

Helps eligible veterans and active duty service members with service-related disabilities prepare for separation from the military and find and maintain employment upon separation.

Chapter 33—The Post-9/11 GI Bill

Provides education benefits and housing allowances to veterans. Those eligible must have served at least 90 aggregate days on active duty after September 10, 2001, or have been honorably discharged with a service-related disability after serving 30 days.

Yellow Ribbon Program

Supplementary program under the Post-9/11 GI Bill that helps cover tuition costs for eligible veterans in excess of their maximum Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. The VA matches the school's contributions for the eligible student.

Chapter 35—Survivors and Dependents Assistance (DEA)

Grants educational benefits to the dependents of those killed in action, missing, or disabled while serving. Recipients may be eligible to receive benefits for up to 45 months.



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WALK AMERICAN
HEROES

Transfer of Entitlement

Allows those who served and are eligible to receive education benefits to a spouse, children, or both. The Department of Defense determines eligibility.

Department of Veteran Affairs Student Work-Study Allowance Program

Eligible military members or their dependents can apply to participate in this work program while attending a college, vocational, or professional school. This is separate from federal work-study; the number of applicants accepted depends on job availability. All jobs must be VA-related.

Military Tuition Assistance (TA)

Pays tuition expenses for military members attending school. To be eligible, students must be on active duty in the US Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, National Guard, or Coast Guard. Eligible students receive a specified allowance per semester hour, which is not to exceed an annual amount determined by the branch. As part of the tuition assistance program, the branch pays money directly to the institution. Those eligible may also elect to participate in the Top-Up program (Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty) to supplement the cost of additional tuition expenses while using military tuition assistance. Check with your branch office for up-to-date information regarding Military Tuition Assistance and the Top-Up program. Each branch pays a different amount and has its own criteria for eligibility, obligated service, application process, and restrictions.

Post-9/11 GI Bill

Active duty members may be eligible to tap into their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits while they are serving. However, members are not eligible to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program during this time, and other stipulations may apply.

Military Service Counseling Initiative

The St. John's University Center for Psychological Services has formed the Military Services Initiative to provide therapeutic support for military servicemen and women and their families. This initiative provides assessment and therapy services at no cost to those who present evidence of a current or past military ID. Contact the Center for Psychological Services at 718-990-1900.





Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

For information on health care benefits and services

Tel 877-222-8387

va.gov/health

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NYC Veterans' Service Information Guide

nyc.gov/veterans

New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs

Tel 888-838-7697 or 888-VETS-NYS

veterans.ny.gov

US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Benefits

VA offers a standard enhanced health benefits plan available to all enrolled veterans and maintains an annual enrollment system to manage the provision of quality hospital and outpatient medical care and treatment. VA provides every active-duty service member, Reservist, or National Guard member who serves in a theater of combat operations five years of free health care beginning on the date of discharge or release from service for all illnesses and injuries unless clearly unrelated to military service. At the end of the five-year period, these veterans have the same eligibility for VA medical care as veterans of earlier conflicts, and copayment status depends on whether illness or injury is found to be service-connected.

Veterans Online Applications (VONAPP)

Apply for VA benefits online at vabenefits.va.gov/vonapp.

VA Clinic-Queens, NY

Thomas P. Noonan, Jr., Community Clinic
47-01 Queens Blvd., Room 301

Sunnyside, NY 11104

Tel 718-741-4800

Services include primary care, social work, mental health, and immunizations.

(New location is eight miles from St. John's University.)



VA Medical Centers and Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC)

VA Medical Centers offer a wide range of inpatient, outpatient, and residential mental health services for veterans. VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics provide medical services including primary care, behavioral health care, and other special programs, as well as medication management for enrolled veterans. Staff at the VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics can also extend assessment and referrals to more specialized services in the community or at the nearest VA Medical Centers.

To locate a VA Medical Center or Clinic, visit va.gov/directory.

VA Forms and Publications

va.gov/vaforms

Veteran Assistance College Outreach

Shawn C. Kingston, VHA-CM Program Specialist (Outreach)
US Department of Veterans Affairs
James J. Peters VA Medical Center
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Bronx, NY 10468
Tel 718-584-9000, ext. 5344
Fax 718-741-4690
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Veteran eBenefits

eBenefits is a one-stop shop for online benefits. This internet portal is designed for veterans, service members, their families, and caregivers.

ebenefits.va.gov

Veterans Integration To Academic Leadership (VITAL) Initiative

Yvette Branson, Ph.D.

Coordinator, VITAL Initiative

Yvette.branson@va.gov

<http://www.nyharbor.va.gov/services/vital.asp>

Women Veterans Health Program

womenshealth.va.gov

Women Veterans Resources

The Women Veterans Health Care Program is an integral part of the New York/New Jersey VA Health Care Network. We pay special attention to female veterans with a focus on health promotion, disease prevention and management, and emotional well-being.

va.gov/womenvet





Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
[FAFSA.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)

St. John's University School Code: **002823**

Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

[HESC.ny.gov](https://hesc.ny.gov) (NY state residents)

St. John's University School Code: **0751**

stjohns.edu/financialaid

Health Insurance Program
universityhealthplans.com

Automatic enrollment for residents and international students. Optional enrollment for commuter students. To waive, visit link and select "St. John's University."

View Your Schedule

UIS > Student Tab > Registration > View Student Schedule by Day and Time

Adjust Your Schedule

UIS > Student Tab > Registration > Add/Drop Classes
(Prompt for Alternate PIN)

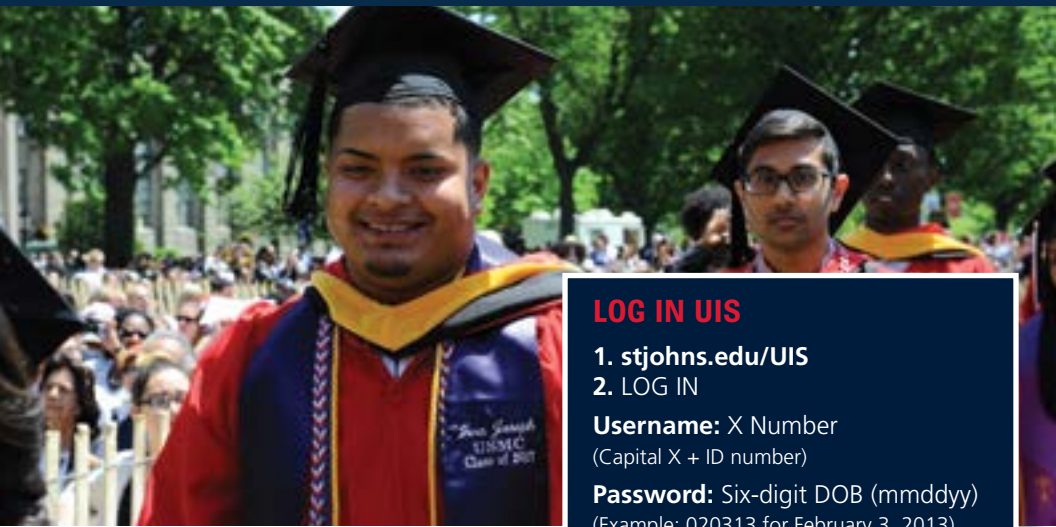
Confirm Classes Online

Students with no balance due or who have a credit balance can confirm their courses online. UIS > Student Services and Financial Aid > Registration > View Term Bill > Select Term > Confirm Enrollment

Advisement Reports

Degree Requirements

UIS > Student Tab > Student Records > Advisement Report > Select Current Term > Generate New Evaluation > Click on Program > End of Time > Generate Request > Detail Requirements > Submit



LOG IN UIS

1. stjohns.edu/UIS
2. LOG IN

Username: X Number
(Capital X + ID number)

Password: Six-digit DOB (mmddyy)
(Example: 020313 for February 3, 2013)

❑ **Undergraduate Bulletin** stjohns.edu/bulletins

Consult the *Undergraduate Bulletin* for information on University policies, majors, and course descriptions.

❑ **St. John's E-Mail Address**

firstname.lastnamexx@stjohns.edu
(Example: John.Smith16@stjohns.edu)

The xx represents the two-digit year of the start of your career at St. John's. If you attended St. John's in the past, your e-mail address remains the same.

❑ **MySJU Account** stjohns.edu/mysju

Log in using your St. John's e-mail address and your UIS account password. Collaborate with faculty online, send e-mail, view course information, and access University Career Services resources.

❑ **Laptop Program** stjohns.edu/laptopinfo

UIS > Admissions > Select Laptop/Laptop Distribution Appointment

❑ **Student ID Cards (StormCards)**

Queens Campus—Public Safety (outside Gate 6)

❑ **Parking Permit**

Instructions for Veteran Free Parking Permits:

Please visit the Department of Public Safety office located in the ROTC building outside of Gate 6. You need to provide a NON-EXPIRED veteran ID card, and all of the information for the vehicle you register with Public Safety. Veteran students will receive a general parking permit free of charge. Public Safety hours for permits: 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday. For more information, call 718-990-5561.

MORE INFORMATION

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“No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.”—James Allen