

## UC's commitment to serve our growing student veteran community

UC's veteran and military student population continues to grow. In 2014-15 UC enrolled more than 2,200 students who have served in the United States Armed Forces - including veterans, those on active duty, reservists, and members of the National Guard. The vast majority of these students (80%) were enrolled at the undergraduate level, with the remainder enrolled in UC graduate and professional programs.

More than half of UC's veterans and military students are enrolled at three campuses: San Diego, Davis, and UCLA. Berkeley and Irvine have seen the most growth in veterans over the past five years.

**UC veteran and military student enrollment**  
Percent share by campus, 2014-15

Campus	Undergrad	Graduate	Total
San Diego	19%	18%	19%
Davis	17%	12%	16%
UCLA	14%	22%	16%
Irvine	15%	15%	15%
Berkeley	12%	19%	14%
Riverside	8%	4%	7%
Santa Barbara	7%	2%	6%
Santa Cruz	5%	2%	4%
Merced	2%	0%	1%
UCSF	0%	6%	1%

### Most veterans continue to access UC through the California Community College system.

The majority of veterans and military undergraduates enter UC as community college transfers. About 58 percent of

veterans enrolled at UC in 2014-15 originally entered as California Community College transfers.

The freshman pathway has also expanded for veteran and military undergraduates. More than 37 percent of the veterans enrolled in 2014-15 originally entered UC as freshmen, up from only 18 percent in 2010-11.

### The veteran student profile differs from the traditional UC student.

- Veteran students are predominantly male, 78 percent, compared to 47 percent for other undergraduates.
- Veteran and military students are more likely to be white (34%) and Chicano/Latino (24%) compared to other undergraduates (25% and 22% respectively). They are also less likely to be Asian (31%) compared to other undergraduates (36%).
- Veteran and military students tend to be older (median age of 27 years) than other undergraduates, whose median is 20 years.

### Veteran students are more likely to pursue engineering and computer science majors.

- In 2014-15, 23% of veteran and military undergraduates pursued majors in engineering and computer

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science, compared to 17% of other undergraduates.

- Veteran students are less likely than other students to major in the biological sciences (15% vs. 22%).

Since May 2014, UC President Janet Napolitano and the UC's systemwide advisory group have worked on a comprehensive strategy to better serve the needs of student veterans. As part of this strategy, UC began efforts to streamline the transfer pathways for veteran student transferring from California Community Colleges. We also expect student veterans will benefit from the recent overhaul of our transfer pathways, which covers coursework on 10 popular majors. Eleven more disciplines will be added next year.

Efforts have also focused on improving veteran student services. Today, all UC campuses have veteran centers providing a more comprehensive array of services to support veteran students in their educational goals.