



SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY

# Veterans Upward Bound Massachusetts



What we do and how we can  
help your veterans



# Meet the Team

VETERANS UPWARD BOUND | MA | TRIO



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# What We Do

**VUB is designed to motivate and assist veterans in the development of academic and other requisite skills necessary for acceptance and success in a program of postsecondary education.**

This includes community/junior colleges, four-year colleges and universities, and licensure programs.



Learn more about our program and federal TRIO status at  
<https://www2.ed.gov/programs/triovub/index.html>



# Based in Boston

VUB-MA is housed in Suffolk University, but serves veterans in **Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Worcester county.**

Veterans are not expected to enroll at Suffolk prior to program completion, nor are they guaranteed acceptance at Suffolk after program completion.

# Who We Serve

Our program serves  
125 veterans across all  
branches of military  
service.

- Air Force
- Army
- Coast Guard
- Marines
- Navy
- National Guard\*



# Eligibility



## Discharge

Veterans must have received a discharge other than "dishonorable", including discharge for service-related disability.

## First-Generation, Low-Income

Veterans must be first-gen (neither parent(s) or guardian(s) have obtained their Bachelor's degree) and/or low-income based on federal standards. Income eligibility can be calculated on the Department of Education website ([www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)).

## Length of Service

Veterans must have served:

- Active Duty for > 180 days
- Reserve force, called into active duty for > 30 days
- Reserve force, called in for contingency operations on or after 9/11/2001

## Academic Risk

Veterans must be at "academic risk", meaning they would likely not complete academic programs without support.

# What We Do



## Academic Preparation Training →

Online classes designed to **refresh basic academic skills**, academic counseling, and academic testing services (**Accuplacer**).

## Professional Development →

Assistance and guidance with professional aspects of academic and workforce entry, including **workshops** and **resume assistance**.

## VA Education Benefit Assistance →

Navigating **GI Bill benefits** / **VR benefits** and applying them toward academic undertakings, financially planning for **college and apprenticeships**.



# Online Classes

## Instructor-Led, Twice Yearly

VUB provides access to six-week, **tuition-free** classes designed to **prepare veterans for the rigor of academic work** by developing / refreshing baseline skills in commonly-pursued subjects and capacities.

Delivered via  
Google Classroom



**classroom.google.com**



Chromebooks provided to select veterans without technology supports





# Class Offerings: Recent Semesters

As a free service, **we do not charge** for tuition, books, school supplies, or other essential academic supports.



English literature, writing and composition



Mathematics (varying levels / disciplines)



Science



History (varying eras / foci)



Foreign languages

# Pop-Up Setups in Your Facility



VUB-MA recently purchased **15 MacBooks** for use in mobile facilities and pop-up classrooms.

We're happy to work with you to bring our services into your facility and serve your veterans onsite.

**We are proud to serve veterans  
from a variety of backgrounds in  
a variety of ways; whether for  
one-touch, a referral, a semester,  
or a multi-year partnership.**



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