Veterans Upward Bound
Massachusetts

What we do and how we can help your veterans
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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
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).

**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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