

Veterans Studies Curriculum Options

Foundation course: VTS 200: Intro to Veterans Studies: Multidisciplinary study of military/veteran issues and perceptions of veterans. This course explores the impact of training/service on reintegration into civilian life and relationships. Designed for non-veterans and veterans.

Fulfills General Education Element-6 requirement.

Additional courses chosen by the student from multiple disciplines, such as Child & Family Studies, English, History, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, and Women & Gender Studies.

Minor in Veterans Studies (To supplement BA/BS degrees)

- (18 credit hours) VTS 200 + 5 additional courses

Certificate in Veterans Studies (To supplement BA/BS degrees)

- (12 credit hours) VTS 200 + 3 additional courses

Concentration in Veteran Studies (To supplement AGS degree)

- (12 credit hours) VTS 200 + 3 additional courses

For details about curriculum requirements:

<http://universityprograms.eku.edu/veterans-studies-program>



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What is Veterans Studies?

VTS is an academic minor/certificate program that prepares students to identify and understand the often unique experiences and challenges faced by veterans of military service.

The VTS program facilitates an environment of inquiry about the transformative nature of military service and provides students the knowledge necessary **to improve services for veterans and their interaction and relations veterans.**

The Veterans Studies Program (VTS) offers a unique, multi-disciplinary program that provides veterans and non-veteran students a foundation of understanding regarding military structure, culture, combat, and the psychological and physiological changes resulting from military service. This first-of-its-kind program is dedicated to educating **non-veterans** and veterans alike about veteran issues. In this program, students will:

- be introduced to social, political, and economic issues that influence perceptions and potential marginalization of veterans;
- experience various perspectives of different types of veterans;
- identify the historical, perceived, and current roles of the branches of military service;
- analyze both the positive and negative effects of military training, service, separation during combat, and reintegration on relationships with family members and others.

In nearly every work environment you will interact with veterans as supervisors, co-workers, and/or clients. Your Veteran Studies Minor will make you more attractive to employers.



COMMUNICATIONS: Jobs in public relations, broadcasting, media, and other journalism fields may include interviewing veterans, and writing/talking about veteran/military issues.



HELPING PROFESSION: Jobs in the “helping professions,” such as criminal justice, corrections, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychology, and social work will include providing physical and mental services to veterans and their families.



EDUCATION: Jobs in education will include helping veteran students, and veterans’ families negotiate the special challenges faced during active service, deployments, and relocations.



NON-PROFIT: Jobs within the non-profit sector include multiple opportunities to work directly with veterans, and/or for veteran issues (e.g., Wounded Warrior Fund; Yellow Ribbon Fund).



LAW/POLITICS: Job in the field of law or politics will require an understanding of veteran issues and the role of the military in U.S. policy and diplomacy.



BUSINESS: Jobs in business management and supervision will require an understanding of unique skill sets acquired by veterans during military education and service.