

# New Program Proposal

## Minor in Veterans Studies

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The Minor in Veterans Studies is a multi-disciplinary program whose course work focuses and enhances students' majors to prepare them to work for or with veterans. It is also designed to encourage and enable veteran students to reflect more deeply on their service experiences. This minor includes a foundation course, Introduction to Veterans Studies; an introductory course in the psychology of trauma; and a choice of two background courses in military history and foreign policy; two electives; and a capstone. Electives may be chosen from four areas:

*Cultural:* exploring perspectives and experiences of veterans through various media

*Relational:* understanding how veterans relate among various aspects of our society

*Institutional:* understanding the context and structure of military service and veteran institutions now and in the past

*Clinical:* establishing effective skills to better serve for, with, and in veteran populations

Additional elective courses could be included, with the consent of the department chair. While it is encouraged, students are not required to limit their electives to a single area.

<a href="#">MVS 2100</a>	Introduction to Veterans Studies	3
<a href="#">PSYCH 2232</a>	Psychology Of Trauma	3
<a href="#">HIST 2024</a>	US Foreign Relations and Military History Since 1900	3
or <a href="#">POL SCI 2820</a>	United States Foreign Policy	
Electives		6
Cultural		
<a href="#">ANTHRO 1011</a>	Introduction To Cultural Anthropology	
<a href="#">ANTHRO 1025</a>	World Cultures	
<a href="#">ANTHRO 1041</a>	Sex And Gender Across Cultures	
<a href="#">ANTHRO 2114</a>	Cultures Of The Near And Middle East	
<a href="#">ENGL 4650</a>	Modern American Fiction	
<a href="#">PHIL 1030</a>	Present Moral Problems	
<a href="#">PHIL 1125</a>	Islamic Philosophy	
<a href="#">PHIL 4430</a>	Social And Political Philosophy	
Institutional		
<a href="#">HIST 2018</a>	The Vietnam War	
<a href="#">HIST 2023</a>	US Foreign Relations and Military History To 1900	
<a href="#">HIST 2024</a>	US Foreign Relations and Military History Since 1900	

<a href="#"><u>POL SCI 1800</u></a>	World Politics	
<a href="#"><u>POL SCI 3860</u></a>	Studies In War And Peace	
<a href="#"><u>POL SCI 4850</u></a>	International Law	
<a href="#"><u>CRIMIN 3305</u></a>	Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice	
<a href="#"><u>CRIMIN 4300</u></a>	Communities And Crime	
Relational		
<a href="#"><u>COMM 3332</u></a>	Intercultural Communication	
<a href="#"><u>COMM 3510</u></a>	Communication & Conflict	
<a href="#"><u>COMM 3520</u></a>	Communication Barriers I	
<a href="#"><u>PSYCH 2280</u></a>	Psychology Of Death And Dying	
<a href="#"><u>PSYCH 3820</u></a>	Cross-Cultural Psychology	
<a href="#"><u>PSYCH 4300</u></a>	Introduction To Psychopharmacology: Drugs And Mental Illness	
<a href="#"><u>SOC 2102</u></a>	Introduction To Gender Studies	
<a href="#"><u>SOC 4600</u></a>	Masculinities	
Clinical		
<a href="#"><u>SOC WK 2000</u></a>	Social Work And Social Issues	
<a href="#"><u>SOC WK 2200</u></a>	Social Welfare As A Social Institution	
<a href="#"><u>NURSE 2105</u></a>	Communication In The Nursing Profession	
<a href="#"><u>GERON 2256</u></a>	Bioethics	
<a href="#"><u>GERON 2280</u></a>	Psychology Of Death And Dying	
<a href="#"><u>GERON 4680</u></a>	Introduction to Gerontological Practice	
Capstone		
<a href="#"><u>MVS 4100</u></a>	Capstone Course in Veterans Studies	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

Department	Contact Person	Phone #	Objections
S002450	Susan Brownell	6451	No
S003250	Finn Esbensen	5031	No
S003200	Alan Heisel	6189	No
S004000	Richard Cook	5541	No
S004550	Thomas Meuser	5421	No
S004900	Louis Gerteis	5681	No

S006550	Sandy Lindquist	7177	No
S008000	Sally Ebest	6383	No
S006750	Gualtiero Picininni	6160	No
S006950	Farida Jalalzai	5521	No
S007050	George Tavior	5391	No
S007300	Lois Pierce	6385	No

Rationale

Currently, no mid-western universities offer course work designed to prepare students for a rapidly-growing field: working for or with veterans. At the same time, it encourages and enables veteran students to reflect more deeply on their service experiences. This minor provides formative experiences for students who want to learn more about veteran issues and pursue positions in this field. This field of study unites the university, the state, and the community; at the same time, it will attract new students and make those holding the minor more marketable. The Minor in Veteran Studies adds depth and breadth to course work leading to careers in counseling, gerontology, trauma studies, social work, sociology, nursing, psychology, philosophy, cultural anthropology, counseling, education, history, political science, criminology & criminal justice, medicine, and the federal government. Currently, no mid-western universities offer course work designed to prepare students for a rapidly-growing field: working for or with veterans. While at the same time, it encourages and enables veteran students to reflect more deeply on their service experiences.