Military and Veterans Studies
Classes for spring 2016

MVS1100: Veterans Transition Seminar (1)  Fri 11:00-11:50am or Arranged
Instructor: Prof. Craig
This course is designed for the student veteran who is new to UMSL. It will survey essential life skills (time management, financial management, physical fitness) and tools for academic success (note-taking, writing, research, oral presentation). It will familiarize students with the relationship between their education and their career and personal goals. It will also expose students to campus and veteran-specific support services. Maybe most importantly, this course will provide a venue for veterans to connect with other veterans who are facing a similar transition.

MVS 2000–2: Literature of the American Civil War (3)  Fri 11:00-1:30pm
Instructor: Prof. Nigro  Same as ENGL1950
This is a seminar class investigating the literature focusing on the American Civil War. Students are expected to attend and participate and will write a paper or take an exam on each of the texts, each paper examining a different issue. There will be five field trips in the St. Louis area or within a short drive. These field trips are a required part of the class and students are expected to attend these special sessions.

MVS 2023: US Foreign Relations and Military History (3)  Fri 12:30-2:40pm
Instructor: Prof. Ferdlund  Same as: HIST 2023
A survey of American foreign and military affairs to 1900, with particular emphasis on European conflicts, national expansion, Indian Wars, and the Mexican War.

MVS 2130: Gender and the Military (3)  Mon/Wed 11:00-12:15
Instructor: Prof. Craig  Same as GS 2130
This course examines the treatment of gender difference in the military and focuses on the complex intersection between military culture and social constructs of gender in the civilian world.

MVS 3100: The Writer as Witness  (3)  Mon/Wed 8:00-9:15
Instructor: Prof. Coalier  Same as ENGL 3100
This course counts for the Junior Level Writing requirement.
We will look at the beginnings of witness writing as it developed after WWII and the Holocaust and then move to the ways the genre has evolved to include not only survivor testimony but also eyewitness testimony and citizen witness testimony. While not always focusing on wars, many of the selections will include authors who use literature to describe their military experiences.
MVS 4300: Writing War: The Front Lines and Beyond  
Instructor: Prof. Sanow  
Our goal is ask questions about who writes of the experience of war and how, and how this effects what we commonly understand “war literature” to be. Authors to be considered may include Kevin Powers, Phil Klay, Cara Hoffman, Roxana Robinson, Katey Schultz, and Michelle Wilmot. Assignments will be both creative and analytical: expect short response papers, heavy discussion of all readings, one major fiction or nonfiction writing project with research, and a related annotated bibliography.

MVS 3500: Internship in Veterans Studies (3)  
Instructor: Prof. Craig  
Independent study involving regular on-site work with an appropriate public or private agency serving the veteran community. A written report reflecting on the experience is required. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credit hours.

MVS 4100: Veterans Studies Capstone Seminar (3)  
Instructor: Prof. Craig  
Prerequisite: MVS2100 and consent of the instructor. Mentored by a faculty member, students in this course will apply insights gained from previous coursework into a substantial Veterans Studies project. This course offers students the opportunity to build upon strong research, analytic and writing skills. Students will work with the instructor and the class to develop a research topic, establish a research plan, then prepare a project or paper suitable for presentation to the public. Students should expect that their work will be published or presented at an end-of-the-year symposium.

MVS 4200: Independent Study in Military and Veterans Issues (3)  
Instructor: Prof. Craig  
Independent study through readings, reports, or field research. No student may take more than a cumulative total of 6 hours of Independent Study.

Minor in Veterans Studies  
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.

Minor in Military History or Military Logistics  
This interdisciplinary minor educates students in the art and science of military operations and processes through rigorous academic grounding in military history, business logistics, and organizational leadership theory. It is ideally suited for students pursuing professional careers in intelligence, the armed forces, and other military-related fields.