

New Program Proposal

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Student athletes and military-connected students are eligible for priority registration and may enroll on the first day that registration begins. Military-connected students include veterans, those currently serving in the military, Reserves, or National Guard, and other students that are using a VA or DoD program to fund their education. Student athletes are members of any NCAA intercollegiate sport team at UMSL.

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

None

Rationale

Priority registration for military and athletes is common on most campuses but is not offered at UMSL. Priority registration for these students is important for numerous reasons. Military students have a finite period of financial support, and it is critical that they can schedule all of their classes before their support expires. Allowing military students to register on the first day of enrollment provides them with a greater likelihood of enrolling in the classes that they need each semester as opposed to enrolling in unnecessary courses because courses for their major have already filled. Athletes have unique scheduling problems that must accommodate travel schedules and practice schedules. Practice is frequently on weekday afternoons. Priority registration for these two groups of students should decrease the time to degree and increase rates of graduation.