



Veteran Services

EM3 NOVEMBER 29-30, 2018

Veteran Services: About us

- ▶ Populations served: student veterans, active duty, reserve and national guard, and dependents
- ▶ Our mission: eliminate road blocks to education and ease transition
- ▶ From application to graduation
- ▶ The college entrance process
- ▶ Military educational benefit counseling and enrollment assistance
- ▶ Bridge to SIUE resources
- ▶ Veteran Tours
- ▶ VA troubleshooting; external VA providers
- ▶ Deployment assistance

Veteran Enrollment-Fall 2018

	Veterans	Total Military Connected
SIUE	608	751
SIUC	450	600
EIU	150	No data
NIU	378	500
UMSL	370	425
WIU	400	500

Illinois: GI Bill Recipients

	30	33	35	1606	1607	Total	Change %
April 2014	3898	14353	1222	1446	474	21393	
April 2015	2015	13640	1271	1655	251	18832	-12%
April 2016	1677	13132	1282	1782	121	17994	-4%
April 2017	1430	12236	1315	1671	48	16700	-7%
April 2018	1082	11884	1308	1654	22	15950	-4%

Over 25% fewer using GI bill since 2014.

SIUE: GI Bill Recipients

	30	31	33	35	1606	1607	Total	Change %
Fall 2014	55	11	295	32	64	6	463	
Fall 2015	64	12	303	53	118	8	558	21%
Fall 2016	67	19	297	62	100	3	548	-2%
Fall 2017	72	16	246	55	88	2	479	-13%
Fall 2018	52	14	209	56	110	2	443	-8%

4.3% fewer using GI bill since 2014.

Veteran Services:

- ▶ Admitted veteran calling initiative- Start Spring 2018
- ▶ Veteran tours
- ▶ Veteran Upward Bound
- ▶ Updated website:
 - ▶ Highlights Veteran Tours
 - ▶ New SALUTE tab
 - ▶ New Student Veterans of America (SVA) tab
- ▶ SVA Revival
 - ▶ New activities; creating tradition

Veteran Center

- ▶ Approved through the Innovation Grant process
- ▶ Administration is working on determining location
- ▶ Offer one location for veteran benefits
- ▶ Provide a location for social activities, study, and networking
- ▶ Establish a personal connection with SIUE; sense of belonging
- ▶ Non traditional student “home away from home”
- ▶ Host workshops for veteran needs/issues
- ▶ Assist in the development of the veteran student mentor program