



Vincennes University — Coast Guard Afloat Education Program

The Vincennes University (VU) Coast Guard Afloat Education Program is a joint collaboration between the U.S. Coast Guard and VU. The Program was developed in 2005 to meet the needs of personnel onboard deployed Coast Guard vessels and at Coast Guard Stations ashore, in all areas of the United States and sometimes overseas.

VU works with an individual command to identify what college-level courses will best suit the command. This is determined by providing an unofficial degree plan for each interested student and then identifying which classes will be of most benefit to the largest number of students. A qualified VU instructor will then offer classes, either onboard a deployed vessel or ashore. Courses can be offered: 1) seated, 2) online, or 3) a combination of seated and online.

This unique program allows Coast Guard personnel to complete requirements toward degree programs and update and improve both military and personal skills.

FAQs

Is a high school diploma/GED required?

Yes, a high school diploma or equivalent is required to enroll in classes at Vincennes University (VU).

What is the tuition rate?

VU offers a cost-effective tuition rate of \$250 per credit hour (a three-credit course is \$750). There are no application fees or student fees and books are loaned to students in seated classes at no cost.

Is financial aid available?

Yes. Details on financial aid are available online at my.vinu.edu/financial-services or call 800.742.9198.

How do I enroll?

VU offers open enrollment - simply apply, request a degree plan, and complete a registration form.

Do I need a placement exam?

Yes, for Math and English. Depending on the results of your placement exam, you may need to take a developmental course.

Do I pay for all classes towards a degree upfront?

No, tuition is charged per class. You are not obligated beyond the class you are enrolled in.

I took college classes at another school years ago. Will they count towards this degree?

They might. VU does accept transfer credits from other accredited schools, as long as you received a grade of C or above. You will need to provide an official transcript to VU in order to request a transfer of credits.

Can I sign up for just one class?

Yes.

Can I transfer any college credits from my Coast Guard education and training?

Please contact the VU Afloat Education Coordinator, Ann Wells (mawells@vinu.edu) and make arrangements for a Joint Service Transcript evaluation to determine if you are able to transfer credits from Coast Guard training.

How many credits do I need for an Associate degree?

Sixty credits total: 30 credits of General Education requirements and 30 credits of Free Electives or Major Program requirements.

Request an Unofficial Degree Plan!

Contact Ann Wells at mawells@vinu.edu

Be sure to include unofficial transcripts from any college/university attended **and** JST Summary and Academic pages.

Vincennes University offers a wide variety of Associate degrees. The **Associate of Science Degree in General Studies** is the most popular program among VU's military and Coast Guard students.

General Education Requirements (30 credits)

- ◆ **English Composition I**
- ◆ **English Composition II**
- ◆ **College Algebra –or– Higher Mathematics Course**
- ◆ **Speech –or– Interpersonal Communication**
- ◆ **Laboratory Science plus Elective**
- ◆ **Social Science Elective**
(Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology)
- ◆ **Humanities Elective**
(Art, Language, Humanities, Literature, Philosophy, Theology)
- ◆ **UCC Electives**
(Art, Science, Language, Economics, Humanities, Math)

Free Electives (30 credits)

Any combination of 100- and 200-level courses which best serve students' needs or interests. Coast Guard students may receive transfer credits from Coast Guard training.

Additional Graduation Requirements

At least one Writing-Reading & Speaking Intensive Course
15 Credits must be earned at the sophomore (200) level
15 Credits (minimum) must be earned through VU

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission