

Military Initiative

The University System of Georgia is expanding its military-centered programs and other state-wide initiatives to support military personnel and their families who wish to pursue educational opportunities in Georgia.

During FY 2014, eCore continued to provide flexible and convenient options for military students pursuing degrees from USG institutions. With a steady increase in military enrollment, eCore and other outreach programs will continue to offer additional alternatives to active duty military and veterans who are transitioning.

Military students have the opportunity to expand their educational experiences independent of time, location, and physical barriers. With an active online community, military students have opportunities to interact with professors and fellow students through classroom discussions, the eCore blog, and student Facebook groups. These students also receive a high level of student support services to help ensure their success in the program.

Joint/Dual Enrollment Initiative

Qualifying high school juniors and seniors, including those who are home schooled, can take advantage of eCore's online curriculum through Joint/Dual enrollment programs. Taking college level core courses while continuing with high school studies offers advantages including: rigorous and challenging coursework, exposure to fully online learning environment, financial incentive, and faster postsecondary degree completion.

The most popular eCore courses taken by dual enrolled students are: MATH 1111, ENGL 1101, ENGL 1102, PSYC 1101, GEOL 1011K, POLS 1101, and SOCI 1101.

eCore: The Future

In 2014-2015, eCore will undergo expansion due to: tuition reduction to \$169 per credit hour, more OER (Open Educational Resources), additional USG institutions as eCore affiliates, and a method for USG non-affiliate students to register for eCore classes in their own Banner system.

Additionally, a new funding model will redistribute the eCore tuition, and eCore administration personnel will undergo Quality Matters certification.

For this Fact Book supporting FY 2014, the eCore affiliate institutions have provided demographic, campus comparative grade, and course preparation data.