

# Columbia University edX Courses

## Option I – Course Title: University Studies for Student Veterans

### Course edX Link:

<https://www.edx.org/course/university-studies-student-veterans-columbiav101x>

### Course Overview:

- 6 week course
- 3 to 4 hours of study a week

This course helps veterans transition smoothly from military service to college, and helps them maximize their success once they arrive. First, the course will orient you to the norms and expectations of the college classroom. The quicker you know what is expected of you, the quicker you can start learning. Second, the course will offer you strategies to ease your transition, to help you achieve your academic goals, and to allow you to make the most of your college education

### What You Will Learn:

- Foundational academic and study skills for achieving academic success in college
- Strategies for more effective reading, writing, test preparation, and time management
- Proven tips for students taking STEM and other technical courses
- Metacognition and academic mindset

### Who Should Consider Taking This Course:

- All LSP candidates who are serious about preparing for admission to a highly-selective college or university
- Marines who are unable to attend a summer Warrior Scholar Project session
- Marines who are stationed overseas and can only do online courses are encouraged to take this course in lieu of classes at any online institution (Remember, highly-selective schools do not accept online coursework)

### Why You Should Take This Course:

Marines who wish to convey to Admissions Officers that they are serious about meeting expectations at a highly-selective institution, will find the information in this course invaluable. This is an insider's look at what it takes to be a student at a school like Columbia. And, it's motivating!

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## Option II – Course Title: Attaining Higher Education

Course edX Link: [https://www.edx.org/course?search\\_query=Attaining+Higher+Education+](https://www.edx.org/course?search_query=Attaining+Higher+Education+)

### Course Overview:

- 5 weeks
- 3-5 Hours per week

Attaining Higher Education is a course designed to facilitate the successful transition of active duty service members and veterans to postsecondary education, whether at a two- or four-year college for an associate's or bachelor's degree, or even graduate school. Too often, service members and veterans transition with little (or worse, incorrect) information, about what makes students successfully realize their goals through higher education. Frequently they are left to navigate a difficult and complicated transition to higher education without robust support or all the answers they need.

### What You Will Learn:

This course is designed to break down the process of transition to education and to assist service members in finding an educational program that fully maximizes their potential.

- Lays out how to approach admissions processes to institutions of higher education;
- Guides students through the self-assessment needed to determine if and how to apply wisely;
- Challenges students to consider the factors which make a college a right fit for them;
- Offers an overview of the college application process, whether at a community college or four-year college; and,
- Provides a summary of the most common sources of financial aid available to many transitioning service members and veterans.

### Who Should Consider Taking This Course:

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### Why You Should Take This Course:

From intentional decision making — a method through which service members and veterans connect their life and military experiences with a potential academic or career path — to choosing a right fit college, understanding the application process, and financing their education, this course will provide tangible ways to successfully navigate all of these benchmarks in the transition to higher education.