



AIU Online strongly supports the commitment, dedication and bravery exhibited by members of the U.S. Military.



Pursuing a college degree through American InterContinental University Online is a convenient, flexible way to achieve a quality education from the convenience and portability of any Internet-connected computer.

The nature of a mobile military lifestyle may limit your ability to attend classes at a traditional university. But at AIU Online, we have harnessed the power of the Internet to deliver the future of modern education today.

Now, you can access amazing multimedia classes, interact with instructors and classmates and pursue your college degree while you serve your country. As long as you have online access, you can study anytime, anywhere!

The information on these pages has been organized to help you get started on Operation Education to earn your degree fast. Once you have chosen the accelerated degree program that interests you, you may find it helpful to print these pages before visiting your Education Services Officer.

This document includes information regarding:

- Preparing for Your Education Services Officer Meeting
- Top 10 Reasons to Enroll
- Applying for Financial Aid (financial aid available for those who qualify)
- Helping to Pay for Your College Education



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Preparing for Your Education Services Officer Meeting.

Visiting with your Education Services Officer is an important step in the AIU Online enrollment process. You should be prepared to effectively convey your motivation and reasons for pursuing your degree through AIU Online.

Many of the most commonly discussed topics between students and their Education Services Officers are listed below. You may find it helpful to consider these points as you prepare for your meeting.

- Be prepared to explain some of the reasons why you've chosen AIU Online. We suggest that you bring a copy of our "**Top 10 Reasons to Enroll**" and add to it any additional reasons you may have for wanting to enroll.
- Talk to your Education Services Officer about why you prefer an online school. You may wish to discuss the fact that **AIU Online offers quality degree programs** that are accessible anytime, anywhere, as long as you have access to an Internet-connected computer. (Active Army, visit **GoArmyEd** to get started. Active Air Force, visit **AI Portal** to get started.)
- Our **accelerated programs** allow you the opportunity to move ahead faster in your military career and can help **prepare you for career opportunities** in the civilian world. Our military students tell us that AIU Online's accelerated degree programs keep them focused, making it more likely they will be successful in their classes and graduate on schedule.
- If your Education Services Officer asks about transferring credits, make sure you discuss AIU Online's **Prior Learning Assessment Specialists**, who are dedicated to helping you get your military training considered for transfer into relevant college credit.
- Be prepared to talk about American InterContinental University's **accreditation**. American InterContinental University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association. Additional information is available at 312-263-0456 or www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org.
- Make sure you **gather essential paperwork** for the military tuition assistance and grants for which you may qualify. Complete and fax all forms to your AIU Online Financial Aid Advisor. (Active Army must visit **GoArmyEd**. Active Air Force must visit, **AI Portal**.)
- Ask your Education Services Officer whether you are eligible for the **GI Bill Top-Up program** before you start using your GI Bill, if applicable. Also, be prepared to talk about the AIU Online Freedom Grant. University grants or scholarships are based on established criteria as published in the **University's catalog** and are awarded after verification that the conditions of eligibility have been met. If your Education Services Officer has any questions, please ask him/her to contact AIU Online's Military Ombudsman at militaryombudsman@aiuonline.edu



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Apply for Financial Aid in Three Simple Steps.

The financial aid process is an important consideration for many college students. Your military branch or the Veteran's Administration (depending on the type of military benefits being sought) will be the ultimate decision maker in determining and approving your benefits.

Should you be accepted for admission, it will be to your advantage to speak with an AIU Online Financial Aid Advisor. You should also meet with your Education Services Officer immediately, and follow the three steps outlined below to ensure that the process of applying for financial aid goes smoothly.

STEP 1

Schedule an appointment to speak to your Education Officer.

Be prepared to speak to your Education Services Officer about American InterContinental University, including our accreditation and the reasons you would like to attend our online campus.

At the time of the meeting, your Education Services Officer will give you the essential paperwork regarding your Tuition Assistance (TA) and advise you on your eligibility for the Top-Up benefits, the GI Bill and any other military benefits for which you may qualify. This paperwork will need to be completed in a swift and timely manner, then faxed to your AIU Online Financial Aid Advisor.

(All Army, visit [GoArmyEd](#))

To be eligible for the Top-up benefit, you must be approved for Tuition Assistance by a military department and be eligible for MGIB-Active Duty benefits. You must be an MGIB-Active Duty participant and must have served at least two full years on active duty.

STEP 2

Fill out a FAFSA application.

FAFSA is the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** and is an online service that helps determine your eligibility for various forms of financial aid. In order to complete the FAFSA, you must do the following:

1. Log on to the FAFSA website, www.fafsa.ed.gov
2. Register for a PIN and Fill out the FAFSA. (You can do both on the same day.) If you are registering for the PIN for the first time, it will take a couple of days to receive electronically, but it does not hinder you from completing the FAFSA.
3. When you receive the PIN, just log on and open your saved FAFSA and sign with your PIN.

The entire process takes about 30 minutes to complete and needs to be started as soon as possible. When filling out your FAFSA, you will need to input the **AIU School Code: 014720**. This code will route the completed information to our Financial Aid department.

STEP 3

Contact your Financial Aid Advisor after you've completed your FAFSA.

Your AIU Online Financial Aid Advisor will work with you to help determine all military benefits for which you are eligible.

The monthly military benefit paid to you is based on the type of training you take, the length of your service, your category and whether the DoD put extra money in your MGIB Fund (kickers).



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Top 10 Reasons to Enroll. Why Military Personnel Select AIU Online.

1. AIU Online's **Military Admissions Advisors** understand your needs and are ready to assist you with the application process.
2. If you relocate, your education ships out with you! Your classes are available anytime, anywhere, as long as you have access to an Internet-connected computer.
3. AIU Online's **Financial Aid Personnel** are experienced and knowledgeable about military benefits. We are committed to helping you obtain the maximum military benefits and financial aid for which you are eligible.
4. Our military enrollment site (24/7 Admissions HQ) allows you to enroll entirely online. This interactive multimedia site has been designed exclusively for military personnel and includes a tour guide to help you through the enrollment process, plus links to military sites and important information you'll need.
5. AIU Online's **Prior Learning Assessment Specialists** can assist you in converting your applicable training, education, and any eligible occupational specialties into relevant college credit, where possible. This service can ultimately help you complete your degree faster and, in some cases, help you save even more on the cost of your tuition.
6. American InterContinental University is **accredited** by The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association. Additional information is available at (312) 263-0456 or www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org
7. AIU Online's instructors, who bring situation-specific relevance to every course, can help you prepare for real-life challenges when you graduate.
8. If you are looking to pursue a civilian career, the **Career Services Department** provides students and alumni with professional guidance and answers to career-related questions.
9. Earn your degree FAST! AIU Online provides the ideal solution for you to complete your education while serving our country, so you can **compete for promotion, or target top career opportunities faster.**
10. AIU Online is DANTES-affiliated, a member of the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges, and a preferred school of the Special Operations Command.

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www.aiuonline.edu/military



Helping to pay for your college education



AIU has established a grant for all active duty and drilling members of the U.S. military and their immediate family members to assist in providing the opportunity to attend a degree program of study at AIU Online. The amount of the grant is contingent upon the level of study. Currently the levels are as follows:

- Associate degree programs: 10%
- Bachelor's degree programs: 15%
- Master's degree programs: 20%

To be eligible for the Freedom Grant and waived application fee, a candidate must be accepted for admissions to the University, allow for the verification of their current military status (or that of their spouse or parent/legal guardian), and complete the Freedom Grant Attestation form.

AIU Online is one of only four universities selected by the U.S. military to become a partner with the U.S. Special Operations Command in the Operation Enlightened Warrior Campaign.



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AIU Online offers military education on the GO!



AIU Online is a proud **GoArmyEd** participant. Effective April 1, 2006, the Army revolutionized the way soldiers apply to college and receive tuition assistance.

The **GoArmyEd** portal provides a single point of access to soldiers for their education benefits from anywhere in the world, as long as they have Internet access.

AIU Online is honored to have been selected in this limited group of educational institutions. To learn more about this program, please visit the **GoArmyEd** website.

Here is the process to follow once you have logged onto www.goarmyed.com:

1. If you have not created an account for yourself, please do this first.
2. Complete the "Common Application" and select American InterContinental University Online.
3. You will need to speak with a Prior Learning Assessment Specialist at AIU Online to prepare your degree plan.
4. After your courses are scheduled at AIU Online, please visit the **GoArmyEd** site and register for your courses in the portal.

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