

Important Information for New Paltz Students Called to Active Military Duty

The following policy applies to matriculated SUNY New Paltz students who are called to active military duty while enrolled at the college:

"A person who is a member of, applies to be a member of, performs, has performed, applies to perform, or has an obligation to perform, service in the uniformed services shall not be denied readmission to an institution of higher education on the basis of that membership, application for membership, performance of service, application for service, or obligation." Section 487b of the US Higher Education Act, as amended 2008

SUNY New Paltz will comply in full with the provisions of Section 487 of the US Higher education Act, as amended 2008.

New Paltz students who are called to active duty should follow the following steps, if possible depending on date of deployment.

Call to Active Service:

1. Contact the Office of Academic Advising and complete and submit a Military Leave of Absence form and provide a copy of his/redeployment orders. The student should indicate the dates of expected active duty; however, this leave of absence can be extended until such time as the student is released from active duty. In accordance with Section 487, the allowable time period for a military leave of absence without academic penalty shall not exceed five years.
2. If the student is unable to complete the above request because of time constraints between the notification of the call to active service and the reporting date to active service, the student can provide a copy of his/her deployment orders to Academic Advising and they will make the necessary status changes for the student.
3. The student should contact the Office of Financial Aid and the Office of Student Accounts and provide them with a copy of their deployment orders.

Return from Active Service:

1. Upon notification of impending return from active duty, the student shall contact the Office of Academic Advising and provide the semester they wish to return to New Paltz. Academic Advising shall return the student to active student status and provide them with information regarding advisement and registration.
2. The student should contact the Office of Financial Aid to determine what steps to follow in order to reactive any and all appropriate financial aid the student may have been receiving prior to their call to active service.

SUNY New Paltz sincerely thanks our military students for their service to our country.