

Proposal to Modify the PEA GE Requirements
for ROTC and Veteran Students

Current Policy

Currently students who are in the ROTC program at UCSB or veterans who have served in the military prior to coming to Westmont receive no academic credit towards the PEA GE requirements despite the intense physical requirements of these programs. Over the last 5 years we have increased our veteran population from 0 to 6 students, and our ROTC population from 0 to 7. A number of these students have wondered why they don't receive any PEA credit for their military experience, especially since we offer PEA classes like Boot Camp, Swimming, Personal Conditioning and Weight Lifting. All of these are experiences they have and skills they develop within their service experience.

Proposed Policy

The proposed change would be to waive 1 PEA requirement for every year of service for students who have either served in the military or students who are actively engaged in the ROTC program at UCSB or Loyola Marymount University. These students could have up to 3 PEA courses waived due to their military experience, and would need to take PEA-032 – Fitness for Life – to complete their PEA GE requirement. Each student's program evaluation would be adjusted to reflect the remaining needed PEA courses upon receiving documentation of service from Veterans Administration or the UCSB/LMU ROTC transcription officer.