

Student Policy - Credit for Military Training Programs

Policy:

Bismarck State College may award credit for certain Military Training Programs.

Limits and Regulations:

1. Students must be currently accepted into a degree seeking, certificate, or diploma program to be awarded military training credits.
2. A student must be enrolled in any BSC course during the term for which the request is made in order for military training credits to be posted to the official BSC transcript.
3. Students should be aware that military training credits may not transfer to other colleges. Students are urged to check the intended transfer institution for current transfer information. BSC is not responsible for transferability of military training credits.
4. Student will not be granted military training credit for courses:
 - a. In which they have previously challenged OR
 - b. In which they are currently enrolled OR
 - c. In which they were previously enrolled (regardless of grade earned) OR
 - d. In which they have earned transfer credit from any accredited institution OR
 - e. In which they were enrolled but dropped with record on an official transcript
5. Military training credits do not have letter grades assigned, thus, will not be used to compute a student's grade point average.
6. Military credits, once recorded on a student's BSC transcript, become a permanent part of the academic record.

7. A maximum of 45 semester hours of non-traditional college credit (i.e., AP, CLEP, DSST, military training, BSC challenge examination credit, portfolio development, industry credit training, and courses covered under high school articulation agreements) may be applied to an associate's degree, diploma, or certificate at BSC. A maximum of 60 semester hours of non-traditional college credit may be applied to a bachelor of applied science degree at BSC.
8. The student must provide official, verifiable documentation of successful completion of a military training program (Joint Service Transcript). These records must show dates of attendance/completion, site of training, course of program title and training identification numbers, and designation of military branch.
9. Credits earned through military training will count toward BSC graduation requirements; however, they do not count toward the minimum institutional credit requirements.
10. The number of credits awarded by Bismarck State College shall be based on a combination of the following:
 - a. The credit awarded for similar course(s) offered at Bismarck State College,
 - b. Credit recommendation as outlined in the "Guide to the Evaluation of Education of Experiences in the Armed Services" published by the American Council on Education (ACE),
 - c. Recommendation of the appropriate College Department Chair
 - d. Credit awarded for Military Basic Training shall be listed as Enrichment.
11. There shall be no cost to the student for the evaluation and awarding of credit for Military Training.
12. Grades for Military Training course(s), if accepted for credit, shall be recorded on a "S" successful or "U" unsuccessful basis. (Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory)

Procedure:

1. Student requests Joint Service transcript to be sent to BSC:
BSC.*<https://jst.doded.mil/smart>.
2. Academic Records Office/Department Chair shall evaluate information provided, determine if credits are to be awarded, and the number of credits awards.
3. Academic Records Office and/or Academic Advisor shall notify the student of their findings and recommendations.

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