

AMERICAN MILITARY UNIVERSITY

American Military University (AMU), part of American Public University System, is the leading online education provider to the U.S. military, currently serving more than 60,000 military students.

AMU uses the Sakai Learning Management System for its virtual classroom. This platform supports a broad array of both synchronous and asynchronous applications like Skype and live chat rooms for one-to-many (professor to student) and one-to-one (student-to-student) social media-based interaction. Sakai provides a robust learning environment that combines technology, content, and services to meet the diverse needs of both our military and civilian students.

The Sakai system supports a wide variety of general and specialized academic programs, from business administration and humanities to intelligence studies and public administration, among many others. Its open-source approach allows colleges and universities like AMU to deploy, host, and modify the software in whatever manner best supports institutional skills, needs and goals.

Currently used by more than 200 leading educational institutions worldwide, Sakai also enables local enhancements to be incorporated into future versions of the software to benefit all users. Sakai has helped to further enhance the AMU student experience by facilitating more



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dynamic collaboration with peers in the field and interaction with faculty.

“Because we place such a high premium on student retention and graduation, AMU also employs a sophisticated, ‘predictive analytics’ software system to monitor student progress, such as attendance, assignment deliverables and class participation,” said Phil McNair, vice president of academics, American Public University System. “This enables our faculty and advisers to proactively intervene and take remedial action with students who may be at potential risk of dropping out.”

AMU has its roots with the military as both its staff and faculty -- many of who are also former servicemen and servicewomen themselves, some with hands-on experience in working with PTSD-impacted students -- are intimately familiar with the unique learning needs of active service and veteran enrollees.

“We have a military outreach team of advisers in the field, who are responsible for and regularly visit all major military installations nationwide, both to assist current students and advise prospective students on whether an online program is right for them,” said McNair.

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Our military roots run deep. From Fort Bragg to Afghanistan, AMU is dedicated to educating those who serve. With access to quality courses, unrivaled support, and a book grant for undergraduates, we stand behind our community— 60,000 military members strong.

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