

Academic Freedom and Standards Committee

Proposal for a rule change to protect S&T students
who are in the United States military reserves

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Missouri University of Science and Technology supports enrolled students serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, including students called into active service for training.

As aligned with Mo. Rev. Stat. § 41.948.1, students called into service pursuant to 32 U.S.C. 502(f)(1), section 41.470 or 41.480 or the authority of 10 U.S.C. 12301(d) or 10 U.S.C. 12304 or any such subsequent call or order by the President or the Congress, to active service in the Armed Forces of the United States, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, including active service for training, prior to the completion of the semester, or similar grading period, that person shall be eligible for either:

- I. A complete refund of all tuition and incidental fees charged for enrollment at that institution for that semester, or similar grading period; or
- II. The awarding of a grade of "incomplete" pursuant to this section.

In addition to the requirements of Mo. Rev. Stat. § 41.948, it is the policy of the University that enrolled students serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, who are called to active service for training of not longer than three weeks during the course of the semester, shall be provided the opportunity to:

- I. Complete missed assignments, including quizzes and examinations, either before or following the dates of official duty, within a time designated by their professor, provided that the student provides a copy of their official military orders to their professor in order to establish the validity of their absence.

Examinations and assignments need not be the same as the missed exam or assignment provided for the course; however, must be of an equitable level of rigor as the missed exam or assignment.

Students must provide copies of their official military orders and training schedule in advance to their professors and academic advisor. Should the military unit of a student serving in the Armed Forces of the United States permit its members to arrange their training schedule so as not to conflict with their university schedule, the student is encouraged to make such an accommodating arrangement.