Specific services offered by the VETS (Veteran Educational and Transition Services) Program:

- Personalized service of a Transition Coach
- Mentoring program
- New Student Experience course for veterans
- Veterans of Baylor student organization
- Career development
Frequently Asked Questions

What is VETS?
- After researching the needs of student veterans on campus, Baylor created the Veteran Educational and Transition Services (VETS) Program in the fall of 2012 to support the academic success of student veterans attending Baylor. Our goal is to be a military-embracing campus where all student veterans are successful.

What services does VETS offer?
- Transition Coach: We understand that while veterans may have shared a common military culture, each student’s experience is unique. As such, we offer our veterans the personalized service of a Baylor Transition Coach to maximize academic success. Whether it’s a helpful referral to one of the many campus services that Baylor offers, the VETS Transition Coach is committed to supporting our veterans.
- New Student Experience Course: Instead of taking the required undergraduate New Student Experience (NSE) course designed for freshmen leaving home for the first time or general transfer students, VETS offers student veterans a one-hour, for-credit course designed specifically to assist them in their transition to college and Baylor. This class also gives student veterans an opportunity to connect on campus.
- Topics covered in the course include improving study strategies and academic writing; utilizing Baylor’s technology; accessing support systems on campus; registering for classes; securing tuition assistance; and planning a career path.
- The majority of these sessions are presented by key faculty/administrators who demonstrate their support by personally addressing the students.
- Mentors: VETS provides a mentoring program to connect student veterans and faculty/staff members who have served in the military.
- Career Development: The VETS Program partners with Career and Professional Development to help our student veterans take advantage of hiring opportunities.

Who works at VETS?
- A VETS Advisory Board, composed of key Baylor administrators and community leaders, meets regularly to guide and support the VETS program.
- The VETS coordinator is Dr. Janet Bagby. The Transition Coach is a graduate student.

Who is eligible for VETS services?
- Any undergraduate or graduate student veteran enrolled at Baylor, whether or not the student veteran is receiving financial assistance from the VA.

How do I contact VETS?
- Search for the VETS page on the Baylor website for current office hours and contact numbers. You may also contact Dr. Janet Bagby at janet_bagby@baylor.edu or (254) 710-6119.

Are there other services for student veterans at Baylor?
- VA Education Benefits Office: The Veteran Services division of the Office of the Registrar assists student veterans with all certification needs for veteran educational benefits. Additional information is located on the Baylor website. You may also contact the VA Coordinator at (254) 710-8241.
- Veterans of Baylor: The Veterans of Baylor (VoB) student organization was chartered with the mission of providing a community for student veterans on campus. The VoB cooperates annually with other Baylor groups to organize activities such as a Veterans Day celebration on the Baylor campus.

Dr. Janet Bagby, VETS Coordinator
With an Army veteran husband and an active duty Marine Corps son, Janet Bagby is passionate about serving student veterans. Having conducted veteran-related research, she realizes the importance of providing student veteran services at Baylor. In addition to being the VETS Coordinator, Janet is a senior lecturer in the Educational Psychology Department in the School of Education.

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