

# Semper Studying

The Importance of Asynchronous and Engaging Resources

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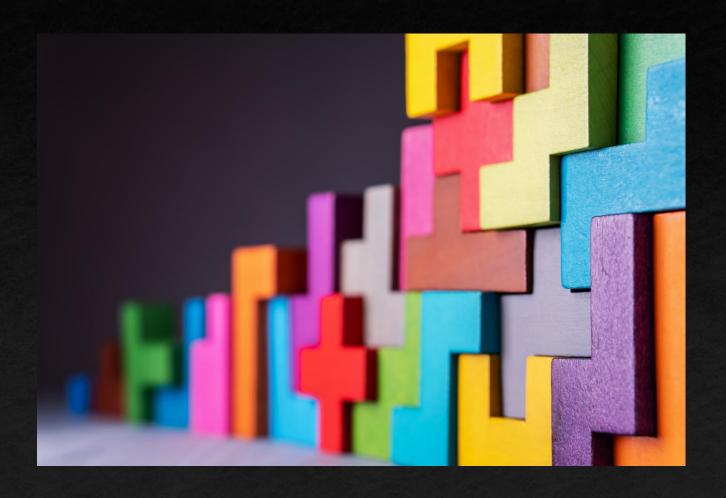
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## Introduction

# Defining Learning Objectives

- What should the student know/understand by the end of the course
- Course completion
- Course related to degree completion
- Degree completion
- Degree completion related to personal/professional goals





#### What is an asynchronous resource?

- It is a learning resource or learning material that is used to achieve learning objectives.
- Learning resources that are not bound by time constraints.
- Can occur in the same place (ex. Online course space)
- Accessible from anywhere (ideally).

## Understanding Military-Affiliated Learners' Needs



Demographics.

Majority 24-40

50% married

47% have children

62% first generation college students



ROI.

Investing more than money.

Desire applicable results from academic pursuits.



Support.

Unique needs of militaryaffiliated learners, including financial and social.

#### Persistence

#### Military-Affiliated Information

- Data shows that student veterans are more successful academically than other nontraditional student populations
- Single or divorced military learners persist at higher rates than married military learners
- Evidence shows high levels of academic achievement despite TBI or PTS symptoms, particularly in online environments

#### **Factors Contributing to Persistence**

- Access to faculty
- Family, organizational, social support
- Course design
- Course satisfaction
- Course relevance



# Belonging & Community

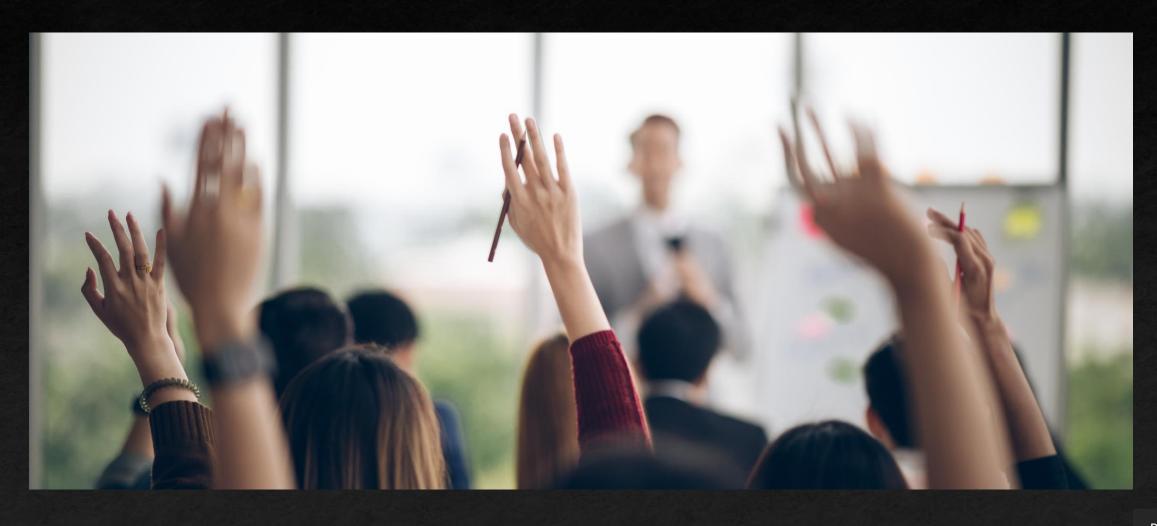
The importance of a community of support

# Asynchronous & Engaging Learning Resource Options for Military-Affiliated Learners

#### **Options Abound**

- Digital text
- Audio books/text
- Faculty-created videos
- Online communities
- Online classrooms
- Artificial intelligence
- Games

## Discussion and Questions



# Thank you

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