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Texas A&M University San Antonio Mandates Cultural Competency Training for Faculty and Staff

The university will begin to fully embrace the marginalized military community.

SAN ANTONIO, TX– Beginning Fall 2017, Texas A&M San Antonio (A&M-SA) will be mandating a cultural competency training for faculty and staff.

There has been a growing demand for higher education for service members and school officials believe that it is important for faculty and staff to be aware of the difficulties students with military connections face.

Faculty and staff at A&M-SA are strongly in favor of this new training. “Sometimes we forget that the military is another culture that needs to be included in ‘multiculturalism,’” said K.C Kalmbach, an associate professor of psychology at the university. For many who joined when they were 17, the military has as profound an effect on their identity and world view as their religion, race and home town.”

This newly mandated training is another addition to the already “military embracing” university. A&M-SA has made obtaining a higher education easier for students with military connections by making credits easily transferable and having easily accessible classrooms for students with disabilities. There is even a veterans’ center that gives both veterans, and even their service dogs a place to relax.

Students with military connections have expressed their appreciation for what A&M-SA has done for their community. “I was thrown into a world I didn’t quite recognize,” said Daniel Rendon about how he felt in the beginning of his collegiate career. Rendon is now a graduate student, earning his MBA, and applying to doctoral programs. For more information about the university and its military affairs, visit the [website](#).

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With a nearly 700-acre Main Campus to expand into, the Military-embracing University recently became a comprehensive four-year University after welcoming 450 first year students in fall 2016. Texas A&M University-San Antonio is one of the fastest-growing universities in the state. Undergraduate and graduate degrees are available for the lowest university tuition in the San Antonio region for a variety of in-demand fields, including teacher preparation, business, information technology, and cyber security. Texas A&M-San Antonio has a variety of scholarships

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