

Mission Possible: Ball State's Student Veteran Newsletter

Ball State University

Upcoming Events

- October 10- Begin course request for Spring semester
- October 17-18- Fall Break (No classes)
- October 26- Course Withdrawal Period ends
- November 1- Last day for Course Request
- November 7-8- Soldiers from Fort Leonard, MO visit.
- November 8- Bowling and pizza at Cardinal Lanes 6-9 PM.
- November 11- Veteran's Day Ceremony
- November 23-27- Thanksgiving Break

Five Questions With...

Dave Owens

What college did you graduate from? I graduated from Ball State in 1995 with a BGS and worked as a book store manager and in-school restriction supervisor until I returned to BSU to pursue a Masters Degree in Family Life Education.

Favorite Hobby? My favorite hobby is taking my children rabbit hunting in the autumn of each year

What do you do at BSU? I am the Academic Major/Minor Coordinator, which means I spend most of my time assisting students who are undecided on which Academic Major to pursue while at the University.

How can you assist veterans? I believe that veterans have a unique life skill-set that cannot be overestimated. I think veterans who are willing to work with students could positively impact those students with the knowledge they have gleaned through their time in the service and the experiences they have gained in the "outside world".

Advice to veterans? My suggestions would include consistent class attendance, asking questions in class, staying on top of the reading assignments and not being afraid of asking for help. Professors, advisors and peers are waiting to assist you in your successful completion of this semester. Stay positive and motivated and you will succeed!



As the Major Minor Coordinator, he offers paper and pencil surveys as well as computer searches to students for them to explore their various interests and abilities. Knowing that a survey cannot determine

Fellow Veteran Assists Students in Advising Center

Dave Owens, who served as a Marine, now serves students as an academic advisor and as the Major Minor Coordinator in Freshman Advising. In his role as an advisor, he assists incoming freshman with their schedules and early academic decisions on campus.

any student's future, Dave meets with each student individually to discuss the findings of the surveys and to offer possible suggestions for future classes, majors, and job opportunities.

As a Freshman Advisor, Dave informs his students to be aware of the key dates for students. Here is some important information for students:

Spring 2012 MAIN Campus course request has begun and will run through November 1, 2011.

Students are encouraged to make use of online resources such as [Course Shopping Cart](#), and [Course Request](#) to complete the process. Other MAIN Campus registration resources can be found on the Registrar's [website](#).

Questions relating to the course request process should be directed to your [academic advisor](#).



Questions relating to courses offered should be directed to the respective [department](#).

Questions relating to OFF Campus courses should be directed to the office of [Online and Distance Education](#) at distance@bsu.edu or by calling 765-285-1581.

The "Basics": Getting Organized to Write

Are you facing a paper that you just don't know how to begin and the more time that is going by is just stressing you out more? The key is to take little steps toward your goal so it doesn't seem so overwhelming.

Understand the assignment. Read and reread what is being asked of you. Talk to the

professor. See how other students are handling the assignment. If specific materials, articles, or books, are involved, find them and survey what's written.

Get a writing tutor in the Learning Center and talk to him/her about the assignment. Once you get started,

you will feel better. Call 285-3778 or come to North Quad 350 to set an appointment. [See hyperlink.](#)