

Good afternoon. My name is David Thibodeau. In 2008, a few years after my service in the Army National Guard, I enrolled in DeVry University in the Game & Simulation online program. I saw advertisements that made it look like a good school and a good program. I couldn't have been more wrong. I graduated from DeVry after 5 years, and in all that time, I never had a real-time conversation or interaction with a single teacher, not in a group or one-on-one.

The way the courses were taught was totally ineffective. We would be assigned a bunch of stuff to read, and we were required to provide just two comments on an online discussion board. Occasionally, we were given assignments to complete, but the teachers never gave us feedback on the assignments.

While I did graduate and get my degree, it has not helped me. If anything, it has had the opposite effect. I've had potential employers kind of scoff at it.

I currently work in IT customer support, which is what I did before attending DeVry. No job I have ever had, including the job I have now, requires a college degree. Unfortunately, I used up all my GI Bill and have \$86,000 in student loans, including interest, for my degree.

The low quality of the education I experienced should not have been possible. It was not worth almost \$100,000 in debt and my GI Bill. Please consider rules that ensure that this won't happen to other people.

Thank you.