

# Regents Bachelor of Arts

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## Degree Offered

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## Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA) Degree Program

West Virginia University, through the College of Education and Human Services (CEHS), offers the Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA) Degree Program.

Since its creation by the West Virginia State Board of Regents in 1975, WVU has granted over 5,000 Regents Bachelor of Arts Degrees. Students at WVU's regional campus at Potomac State College earn their Regents BA degree through coordination with the Morgantown campus.

The RBA is an innovative degree program designed to meet the unique needs of non-traditional students and adult learners. Specifically, this program provides students with a comprehensive general education based on individualized skills and learning outcomes. Moreover, eligible students may acquire college equivalent credits (CEC's) based on their professional experiences in select subject areas and/or earned certifications/credentials. This option may provide a more cost effective way of completing their education in a timely manner.

## MISSION

The mission of the RBA program is to provide adult learners and non-traditional students with an opportunity to achieve their academic and career goals through a first time Bachelor's degree. This is accomplished by providing the highest quality education, services and resources to promote student learning and academic success.

## FEES

RBA tuition and fees are set according to both the university and College of Education and Human Services standards.

## COURSES

The RBA Program offers two courses which are available to students. The courses are not required to complete the program, but can assist student in navigating the RBA program and the portfolio submission process.

- EDP 102. Orientation to RBA. 1 Hour. For students beginning the Regents Bachelor of Arts degree program. The class provides orientation to the curriculum, policies, benefits, and academic merits of the RBA to help students take advantage of its unique features.
- EDP 401. RBA Portfolio Development. 2 Hours. The class is designed to help prepare RBA students who plan to petition for college equivalent credits through the portfolio option, including course selection, verification and narrative development.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM:

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## How to Apply to the RBA Program

Students apply to WVU through the Admissions Office. Please see the "Admission Eligibility" section below to verify eligibility. Students will fill out a brief application found on the front page of the WVU Office of Admissions (<http://admissions.wvu.edu>) website (Department code 4571)

To allow time for the student's application and transcripts to be processed through WVU Admissions, the RBA program recommends the following deadlines:

- **Fall Semester – Mid July**
- **Spring Semester – Mid November**
- **Summer Semester – Mid April**

Once the student's application and transcripts have been received and processed by the Admissions Office, this information will be copied and sent to the RBA office for approval. Upon approval, Admissions will send the student an acceptance letter with their Student ID number (WVU no longer uses Social Security Numbers for identification purposes). The student will also receive a MIX account username that gives access to their academic records, secure email systems and links to other information available regarding WVU. Any academic information must be submitted through the student's MIX email account. The Help Desk (304-293-4444) can assist any student with accessing their MIX account.

**Students should contact the RBA office regarding deadlines, the application process or obtaining transcripts. Once the student has been admitted, they should contact the RBA office for assistance in registering for classes.**

## Admission Eligibility

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

In order to be admitted to the RBA degree program a student must have graduated from high school at least four years prior to application.

### GED STUDENTS

Students who have passed a high school equivalency examination are eligible for admission four years after their high school class graduated.

### TRANSFER STUDENTS

Eligible students may transfer into the RBA program from other regionally accredited institutions or from other majors within WVU. Transfer credits from two-year colleges outside the West Virginia Regional Campus System are limited to 72 hours course credit hours. RBA students may also transfer credit hours from institutions accredited by the Department of Education at the programmatic or national levels. Please see the "USDE Credit Hours" section below.

### MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for admission into the RBA Degree Program. If a student is eligible for "F" Forgiveness (see below) and processing "F" forgiveness will increase their cumulative GPA above a 2.0, they can be admitted to the RBA program.

### RBA "F" FORGIVENESS

The RBA "F" forgiveness policy allows students to remove all failing grades four years prior to entering the RBA program from GPA calculations. This gives eligible students a second chance at completing their RBA degree by helping them meet the minimum GPA requirement. This process is only for first time admission to the RBA program and is not applied to future semesters or readmission to the program. RBA "F" forgiveness only applies to students who remain in the RBA program.

**NOTE:** Students with accredited baccalaureate degrees are not eligible for the Regents Bachelor of Arts degree. Students cannot double major with the Regents Bachelor of Arts degree.

## College Equivalent Credits (CEC) and Fees

### PORTFOLIOS

College Equivalent Credit can be awarded to students for selected work and life experiences that can be equated to college course work. Students can petition for credit for specific courses that relate to their work experience through the RBA portfolio option. The portfolio consists of developing:

- A resume that highlights experiences that are relevant to courses being petitioned.
- Narratives connecting work experiences with the learning outcomes of all courses petitioned.
- Relevant supporting documents to help substantiate petition(s).

It is highly recommended students take the portfolio development course (EDP 401) or contact the RBA office for instructions. This unique process requires one-on-one in-depth advising and approval to begin developing a portfolio.

## STANDARDIZED CREDITS

Certain professional courses and certifications can be awarded college credit through the RBA's Standardized Award process. The RBA program uses several different resources to research credit recommendations for professional courses and certifications. These include the West Virginia state RBA handbook and the American Council on Education (ACE). Courses that do not have a credit recommendation that would make them eligible for Standardized Award may be utilized as supporting documentation in the Portfolio option.

## RESTRICTIONS

Students must have been admitted to the WVU RBA degree program and have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in order to submit Portfolios or request Standardized Awards. Portfolio credit cannot be used to meet the residency requirement, but may be used to meet general education and upper division requirements. Portfolio credit may not duplicate credit already on the student's transcript, and portfolio credit may not be transferred to other degrees. Courses or certifications issued credit via Standardized Award cannot be used as supporting documentation in the Portfolio option.

## FEES

Requesting college equivalent credit (through the portfolio option or standardized awards) requires students to pay a standard CEC submission fee of \$300. In addition, an additional \$10 per credit hour fee is processed for portfolio submissions. Fees are billed through West Virginia University's Office of Student Accounts.

## Non-Regionally Accredited Credit Hours

The RBA program at WVU allows students to apply credit hours from institutions which are recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE) but are not regionally accredited. This includes credit hours from institutions which are accredited by national, programmatic, or other accrediting bodies recognized by the USDE. Common examples include Technical and Junior colleges. This policy complies with West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission Title 133 Series 17.

Credit hours accepted from non-regionally accredited institutions may not be used to meet the residency requirements for the RBA Program. Residency requirements must be completed at institutions within the West Virginia public higher education system.

Credit hours from non-regionally accredited institutions can apply only to the completion of the RBA degree program. In the event a non-regionally accredited institution utilizes clock hours, conversion of these hours will occur in the same manner as credit hour conversions from regionally accredited institutions. Applying non-regionally accredited credit hours may impact financial aid and D/F repeat eligibility for RBA students as these hours are considered earned credit hours and contribute toward the course completion rate and maximum time frame for degree completion.

## Degree Requirements

- **General Education:** The Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA) assists students in developing a set of core competencies as a pillar of this degree. Each competency area requires students to meet specific learning outcomes. Guided by an academic advisor, students take courses in each area that meets the intended learning outcomes. (Minimum of 27 hours)
  - Communication Skills (6 hours) Outcome: Courses in this area must provide the student with skills and knowledge to be able to communicate effectively in a variety of formats.
  - Humanities (6 hours) Outcome: Courses in this area must demonstrate knowledge in the interdisciplinary study and philosophy of diverse cultures.
  - Social Science (6 hours) Outcome: Courses will demonstrate understanding of the development, diversity, and complexity of human behavior and institutions.
  - Natural or Physical Science (6 hours) Outcome: Courses in this area must provide an understanding of the physical world through the scientific method (understanding of the basic facts, principles, theories and methods of science)
  - Mathematics, Statistics, or Computer Science (3 hours)
- **Upper Division:** Upper division courses are those offered at the junior and senior levels and are usually numbered as 300- or 400-level courses. Upper division courses take the place of a major and may be taken in any subject area or a combination of areas as students wish. Areas of Emphasis also allow upper division course specializations. A maximum 12 teaching practicum hours will be accepted toward graduation. (Minimum of 39 hours)
- **Residency:** Students must complete a residency requirement of 24 hours of coursework taken at one or more institutions within West Virginia's public higher education system. Six of the 24 hours must be taken as upper division courses at WVU. (This is not the same as in-state and out-of-state residency and does not help a student obtain in-state residency.)
- **Total Hours:** RBA students must complete a minimum of 120 credit hours to be eligible for graduation. In addition to the coursework listed below, students can earn credit through academic portfolios for prior learning and experiences to reach 120 hours.
- **Grade Point Average:** Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 (on a 4-point scale) to be eligible for graduation.

- **Pass/Fail Grading:** Pass/fail grading encourages students to take elective courses not related to their degree concentrations. Pass/fail grading also facilitates grading in competency-based courses that may be an integral part of an academic program. Any full-time student who has completed 15 hours or more and who has maintained a 2.0 grade point average may take a maximum of 4 hours each semester or summer term on a pass/fail basis. Any course taken on a pass/fail basis must be a free elective. Students are limited to a total of 18 hours of pass/fail credit in the collegiate career. For additional information on this policy, visit the Pass/Fail Grading section ([http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/enrollmentandregistration/#Pass\\_Fail](http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/enrollmentandregistration/#Pass_Fail)) of this catalog.

For a complete list of RBA Frequently Asked Questions, visit the RBA website: RBA Frequently Asked Questions (<http://rba.wvu.edu/faqs>)

## Curriculum Requirements

**Minimum GPA of 2.0 required.**

### General Education

Communication Skills	6
Select courses fulfilling GEF 1 or courses fulfilling this outcome and approved by an advisor.	
Humanities	6
Select courses fulfilling GEF 4 or 6, or courses fulfilling this outcome and approved by an advisor.	
Social Science	6
Select courses fulfilling GEF 5 or 7, or courses fulfilling this outcome and approved by an advisor.	
Natural or Physical Science	6
Select courses fulfilling GEF 2, or courses fulfilling this outcome and approved by an advisor.	
Mathematics, Statistics, or Computer Science	3
Select courses fulfilling GEF 3, or courses fulfilling this outcome and approved by an advisor.	
Additional GEF course requirement	9
Select courses fulfilling GEF 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7	
<b>Upper Division Courses (Must be at the 300 or 400 level)</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Electives</b>	<b>45</b>
Total Hours	120

## Areas of Emphasis

Areas of Emphasis (AOE) and/or Minors are an optional feature of the RBA degree. In some curriculum areas the faculty have identified a set of courses that constitute an Area of Emphasis. All AOE's require a minimum of fifteen hours of upper division (300 level or above) course work in some academic area. In some cases lower division prerequisites may also be required. The AOE courses are determined by faculty, not students.

Some departments specify all the courses for the AOE; other departments allow students to select most of the courses. Only regular courses completed with a "C" or better can count toward the AOE and earned AOE's are noted on the student's transcript.

Minors are offered by each college and can be declared by RBA students. There are no limits on how many AOE's or Minors that can be declared. Courses cannot overlap and a student cannot declare an AOE and Minor in the same discipline. AOE's are listed below. Minors offered by individual colleges within WVU are found at <http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/minors/>.

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## AREAS OF EMPHASIS OFFERED

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## Advertising Requirements

Minimum grade of C- required in all courses.

JRL 101	Media and Society	3
ADV 215	Principles of Advertising	3
ADV 309	Advertising and Creativity	3
ADV 409	Advertising Research and Media	3
ADV 419	Advertising Strategies	3
One course from the list below:		3
JRL 361	Media Relations In Sport	
JRL 419	Entertainment Reporting	
JRL 432	Social Media Strategy	
JRL 433	Social Media Applications	
JRL 434	Social Media Campaigns	
JRL 450	Writing for Health Promotion	
JRL 452	Applied Health Promotion	
JRL 454	Health Promotion Campaigns	
Total Hours		18

## American History Requirements

Minimum grade of C required in all courses.

Select 5 Upper-division Courses from two of the three areas of concentration	15
Concentrations:	
United States History	
European History	
Asia/Latin American/African History	
Total Hours	15

## Child Development Requirements

**Must have a C- grade or better in all CDFS designated courses**

<b>Prerequisite</b>		
CDFS 110	Families Across the Life Span	3
<b>Two of the following courses/pre requisites depending on upper level options</b>		6
CDFS 112	Introduction to Marriage and Family	
CDFS 210	Introduction to Parenting	
CDFS 211	Infant Development	
CDFS 212	Early Childhood Development	
CDFS 250	Research Methods and Data Analysis (writing course recommended for prior support for CDFS 400 level courses)	
<b>Three Courses-upper level:</b>		9
CDFS 316	Child Development Practicum (need 212 prior)	

CDFS 412	Adolescent Development (need 212)	
CDFS 413	Contemporary Issues in Family Relations (need 212)	
CDFS 414	Adolescent Problems and Disorders (need 212)	
CDFS 415	Family Interaction and Communication (need 212)	
CDFS 430	Best Practices in Pre-K Movement (need 211 or 212)	
CDFS 431	Infant Toddler Language and Literacy (need 211 prior)	
CDFS 432	Early Socio-Emotional Growth (Need 211 prior)	
Total Hours		18

## Communication Studies Requirements

Select any COMM 300-400 level courses with a grade of 'C-' or higher (Excluding COMM 490 and 491) 15

## Economics Requirements

Minimum grade of C required in all courses.

ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON 301	Intermediate Micro-Economic Theory	3
ECON 302	Intermediate Macro-Economic Theory	3
Select 3 upper division courses (Excluding ECON 490 and 491)		9
Total Hours		21

### Energy Land Management Requirements

**Complete the courses below with C- or higher.**

ENLM 300	Ethics and Negotiations for Energy Land Managers	3
ENLM 400	Energy Land Management Contracts 1	3
ENLM 420	Energy Land Management Contracts 2	3
ENLM 441	Applied Geographic Information Systems and Energy Land Management	1
ENLM 450	Energy Land Management Strategic Planning (Students)	3
ENLM 491	Professional Field Experience	3
<b>Additional Coursework</b>		12
AGRN 455	Reclamation of Disturbed Soils	
ARE 220	Introductory Environmental and Resource Economics	
ARE 360	Current Issues In Agriculture	
ARE 382	Agricultural and Natural Resources Law	
ARE 410	Environmental and Resource Economics	
ENLM 150	Introduction to Energy Land Management *	
ENLM 200	Principles of Energy Land Management *	
ENLM 250	Managing Non-Technical Risks *	
ENVP 460	Environmental Impact Assessment	
FMAN 212	Forest Ecology	
FMAN 222	Forest Mensuration	
FOR 140	West Virginia's Natural Resources	
FOR 310	Elements of Silviculture	
FOR 326	Remote Sensing of Environment	
RESM 480	Environmental Regulation	
WDSC 422	Harvesting Forest Products	
WDSC 444	Bio-based Energy Systems	
WMAN 150	Principles of Conservation Ecology	
WMAN 175	Introduction to Wildlife and Fisheries	

WMAN 200	Restoration Ecology	
Total Hours		28

\* Students with an accumulated 5 years or more in ENLM field or related field may petition for these courses as well as other ENLM listed in section one upon having their resumes reviewed by ENLM program coordinator.

## Creative Writing Requirements

Minimum grade of C required in all courses.

Select two from the following:		6
ENGL 212	Creative Writing: Fiction	
ENGL 213	Creative Writing: Poetry	
ENGL 214	Creative Writing: Non-Fiction	
Select 5 additional courses from the following:		15
ENGL 303	Multimedia Writing	
ENGL 312	Creative Writing Workshop: Fiction	
ENGL 313	Creative Writing Workshop: Poetry	
ENGL 314	Creative Writing Workshop: Non-Fiction	
ENGL 318	Topics in Creative Writing	
Total Hours		21

## Literature Requirements

Minimum grade of C required in all courses.

ENGL 200	Foundations of Literary Study	3
Select 1 of the following:		3
ENGL 225	Western World Literature	
ENGL 226	Non-Western World Literature	
ENGL 232	Poetry	
ENGL 233	The Short Story	
ENGL 234	Drama	
ENGL 235	Novel	
ENGL 236	The Bible as Literature	
ENGL 241	American Literature 1	
ENGL 242	American Literature 2	
ENGL 261	British Literature 1	
ENGL 262	British Literature 2	
Select 15 credits of upper division courses (Excluding ENGL 490 and 491)		15
Total Hours		21

## Professional Writing Requirements

Minimum grade of C required in all courses.

ENGL 101	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric	3
ENGL 102	Composition, Rhetoric, and Research	3
ENGL 301	Writing Theory and Practice	3
ENGL 302	Editing	3
ENGL 303	Multimedia Writing	3
or ENGL 306	Topics in Humanities Computing	
ENGL 304	Business and Professional Writing	3
or ENGL 305	Technical Writing	
ENGL 491A	Professional Field Experience	3
Total Hours		21

## Geology Requirements

Minimum grade of C required in all courses.

GEOL 101	Planet Earth	3
GEOL 102	Planet Earth Laboratory	1
GEOL 103	Earth Through Time	3
GEOL 104	Earth Through Time Laboratory	1
Select 12 hours from the following:		12
GEOG 350	Geographic Information Systems and Science	
GEOL 200	Geology for Environmental Scientists	
GEOL 284	Mineralogy	
GEOL 285	Introductory Petrology	
GEOL 300	Geology of West Virginia	
GEOL 302	Geology of the National Parks	
GEOL 311	Stratigraphy and Sedimentation	
GEOL 321	Geomorphology	
GEOL 331	Paleontology	
GEOL 342	Structural Geology for Engineers	
GEOL 365	Environmental Geology	
GEOL 373	Introduction to Petroleum Geology	
GEOL 411	Deep Time Earth Systems	
GEOL 454	Environmental and Exploration of Geophysics 1	
GEOL 455	Introduction to Remote Sensing	
or GEOG 455	Introduction to Remote Sensing	
GEOL 462	Introductory Hydrogeology	
Total Hours		20

## History Requirements

Minimum grade of C required in all courses.

Select 5 courses from the following:		15
HIST 304	History of Sacred Places	
HIST 350	The Aztec, Maya, and Inca	
HIST 353	1920s America	
HIST 412	Introduction to Public History	
HIST 421	Hitler and the Third Reich	
HIST 422	Twentieth-Century Germany from Weimar to Bonn	
HIST 442	Eighteenth Century America	
HIST 453	Civil War and Reconstruction	
HIST 460	World War II in America	
HIST 473	Appalachian Regional History	
HIST 477	Working Class America	
Total Hours		15

## International Studies: African & Middle East Requirements

Minimum grade of C required in all courses.

Select 1 of the following:		3
ECON 451	International Economics	
ECON 454	Comparative Economic Systems	
GEOG 302	Political Geography	
GEOG 310	Global Issues	
HIST 463	American Foreign Relations to 1941	



HIST 464	American Foreign Relations 1941 to Present	
POLS 364	American Foreign Relations	
POLS 368	Politics of War and Peace	
Select 4 courses from the following, from 3 different departments:		12
ECON 455	Economic Development	
GEOG 243	Geography of Africa	
GEOG 244	Geography of the Middle East	
GEOG 411	Rural and Regional Development	
HIST 427	East Africa to 1895	
HIST 428	East Africa Since 1895	
HIST 433	West Africa to 1885	
HIST 434	West Africa from 1885	
MUSC 477	Music of Africa	
POLS 356	Politics of the Middle East	
POLS 358	Politics of Africa	
SOCA 351	Traditional and Changing Africa	
Total Hours		15

## International Studies: Asia Requirements

Minimum grade of C required in all courses.

Select 1 of the following:		3
ECON 451	International Economics	
ECON 454	Comparative Economic Systems	
GEOG 302	Political Geography	
GEOG 310	Global Issues	
HIST 463	American Foreign Relations to 1941	
HIST 464	American Foreign Relations 1941 to Present	
POLS 364	American Foreign Relations	
POLS 368	Politics of War and Peace	
Select 4 courses from the following, from 3 different departments:		12
ECON 455	Economic Development	
GEOG 411	Rural and Regional Development	
HIST 325	Modern China	
HIST 326	Modern Japan	
POLS 350	Government of Japan	
POLS 354	Government of China	
POLS 369	Far East International Affairs	
Total Hours		15

## International Studies: Development Studies Requirements

Minimum grade of C required in all courses.

Select 1 of the following:		3
ECON 451	International Economics	
ECON 454	Comparative Economic Systems	
GEOG 302	Political Geography	
GEOG 310	Global Issues	
HIST 463	American Foreign Relations to 1941	
HIST 464	American Foreign Relations 1941 to Present	
POLS 364	American Foreign Relations	
POLS 368	Politics of War and Peace	
Select 4 courses from the following, from 3 different departments:		12

ECON 455	Economic Development
GEOG 411	Rural and Regional Development
GEOG 412	Geography of Gender
HIST 325	Modern China
HIST 428	East Africa Since 1895
HIST 433	West Africa to 1885
HIST 434	West Africa from 1885
POLS 354	Government of China
POLS 356	Politics of the Middle East
POLS 358	Politics of Africa
SOCA 350	Latin American Culture
SOCA 351	Traditional and Changing Africa

Total Hours

15

## International Studies: Europe Requirements

Minimum grade of C required in all courses.

Select 1 of the following: 3

ECON 451	International Economics
ECON 454	Comparative Economic Systems
GEOG 302	Political Geography
GEOG 310	Global Issues
HIST 463	American Foreign Relations to 1941
HIST 464	American Foreign Relations 1941 to Present
POLS 364	American Foreign Relations
POLS 368	Politics of War and Peace

Select 4 courses from the following, from 3 different departments: 12

FRCH 432	Contemporary Culture
FRCH 461	Commercial French 1
GEOG 411	Rural and Regional Development
GER 440	German Cultural History: 350-1700
GER 441	German Cultural History Since 1945
HIST 314	France Since 1815
HIST 416	The French Wars of Religion
HIST 417	World War II in Europe
HIST 419	Revolutionary Russia: 1900-1953
HIST 416	The French Wars of Religion
HIST 417	World War II in Europe
HIST 418	Eastern Europe Since 1945
HIST 419	Revolutionary Russia: 1900-1953
HIST 420	USSR and After: 1953 to Present
HIST 421	Hitler and the Third Reich
HIST 422	Twentieth-Century Germany from Weimar to Bonn
HIST 432	Eighteenth Century Britain: 1715-1832
POLS 351	Russian and Post-Soviet Politics
POLS 353	Western Democratic Governments
RUSS 341	Survey of Russian Literature
RUSS 342	Survey of Russian Literature
SPAN 340	Culture of Spain
SPAN 342	Modern Literature of Spain
SPAN 361	Commercial Spanish

Total Hours

15

## International Studies: The Americas Requirements

Minimum grade of C required in all courses.

Select 1 of the following:		3
ECON 451	International Economics	
ECON 454	Comparative Economic Systems	
GEOG 302	Political Geography	
GEOG 310	Global Issues	
HIST 463	American Foreign Relations to 1941	
HIST 464	American Foreign Relations 1941 to Present	
POLS 364	American Foreign Relations	
POLS 368	Politics of War and Peace	
Select 4 courses from the following, from 3 different departments:		12
ECON 455	Economic Development	
GEOG 411	Rural and Regional Development	
HIST 441	Seventeenth Century Colonial America	
HIST 442	Eighteenth Century America	
POLS 355	Governments of Latin America	
SPAN 331	Early Spanish American Literature	
SPAN 332	Modern Spanish American Literature	
SPAN 361	Commercial Spanish	
SPAN 431	Caribbean Literature	
SOCA 350	Latin American Culture	
Total Hours		15

## Native American Studies Requirements

Minimum grade of C required in all courses.

NAS 200	Introduction: Native American Studies	3
ENGL 156	Literature of Native America	3
HIST 264	American Indian History	3
Select 5 additional courses from the following:		15
NAS 491	Professional Field Experience	
NAS 493	Special Topics	
NAS 495	Independent Study	
ENGL 356	Topics in Native American Literature	
ENGL 387	Topics in Women's Literature	
HIST 441	Seventeenth Century Colonial America	
HIST 442	Eighteenth Century America	
Total Hours		24

## Philosophy Requirements

Minimum grade of C required in all courses.

PHIL 130	Current Moral Problems	3
Select 6 credits of lower division PHIL courses.		6
PHIL 323	Social and Political Philosophy	3
PHIL 325	Philosophy of Law	3
Select 9 credits of upper division PHIL courses (Excluding PHIL 490 and 491)		9
Total Hours		24

## Psychology Requirements

An overall GPA of 2.0 across courses applied toward the AOE is required. Courses taken as P/F do not count toward the total 18 hours of coursework.

PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology (minimum grade of C-)	3
PSYC 304	Critical Thinking in Psychology	3
Select 12 additional PSYC credits, including 6 at the 300-400 level (in addition to PSYC 304). PSYC 490, 491, 495 may not be applied to the Psychology minor.		12
Total Hours		18

## Public Relations Requirements

Minimum grade of C- required in all courses.

JRL 101	Media and Society	3
PR 215	Introduction to Public Relations	3
PR 301	Writing for Public Relations	3
PR 401	Applied Public Relations	3
PR 410	Integrated Marketing Communications for Public Relations	3
One course from the list below:		3
PR 431	Promotion for Entertainment Media	
PR 433	Entertainment Media Campaigns	
PR 437	Event Promotion	
PR 412	IMC for Sport	
PR 436	Event Planning	
PR 438	Event Execution	
PR 432	Entertainment Media Branding	
Total Hours		18

## Sociology Requirements

Minimum grade of C required in all classes.

SOCA 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
Select 15 credits of Upper-division hours excluding SOCA		15
Total Hours		18

## Teaching English as a Second Language

Minimum grade of C required in all courses.

At least 6 credits of upper-division courses must be completed on campus on campus (exclusive of courses numbered 493)

LING 311	Introduction to Structural Linguistics	3
LANG 322	Second Language Acquisition	3
LANG 421	The Teaching of Foreign Languages	3
LING 511	English as a Second Language Linguistics	3
LANG 422	Second Language Reading	3
LING 512	Applied Linguistics	3
LING 514	Sociolinguistics	3
Total Hours		21

## Women's Studies Requirements

Minimum grade of C required in all courses.

WGST 170	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	1-3
WGST 330	Feminist Theory	3
CDFS 413	Contemporary Issues in Family Relations	3

Complete Option 1 or 2 as described below.

12

**Option 1:**

12 credits of upper division courses (No more than 3 credits of WGST 490)

**Option 2**

Select 12 credits from the following:

ENGL 385	American Women Writers
ENGL 386	British Women Writers
ENGL 388	Topics in Gay/Lesbian Studies
GEOG 412	Geography of Gender
HIST 445	History of American Women
POLS 337	Gender/Politics and Policy
SOCA 360	Women and Men in Society
SOCA 405	Class, Status, and Power

Total Hours

19-21

## Learning Outcomes

- Develop foundational habits of academic life and cultural literacy; disciplinary ways of knowing and posing questions; conducting inquiry; making arguments; close reading, analysis, critical thinking; numerical analysis and scientific method; effective writing and speaking; academic research; systematic problem solving; rigorous academic study
- Develop and refine skills of Learning Goal 1; encounter and examine issues of multiculturalism, diversity, social justice, and citizenship; refines over-reaching area of emphasis
- Integrate learning; apply knowledge and skills to contemporary problems and ethical quandaries; self-reflective projects and narratives; connect past with future

### EDP 102. Orientation to the Regents Bachelor of Arts. 1 Hour.

PR: Consent. An introduction to the Regents Bachelor of Arts Program (RBA), including the degree structure, benefits of the program, academic success plans, standardized awards, portfolio petitions, Areas of Emphasis, and RBA graduate pathways.

### EDP 401. RBA Portfolio Development. 2 Hours.

This course will assist RBA students with professional work experience to prepare and submit portfolios for College Equivalent Credits (CECs).