

Regents Bachelor of Arts, R.B.A.

Degree Offered

- Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA)

Nature of the Program

The Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA) degree is designed to meet the unique goals of non-traditional students who want to complete bachelor's degrees. The program allows flexibility in developing individualized plans of study so that coursework prepares the student for identified goals. You can complete the program on campus or online, at your own pace. Previous college coursework from accredited colleges can be utilized and credit by exam (CLEP/DSST) is considered. Eligible students may also acquire college credit for professional, volunteer, and military experiences via portfolio submission or standardized awards. Students work closely with an advisor to tailor their academic courses of study to meet their individual needs.

Those who may benefit from an RBA degree include working adults who want to pursue an education while balancing commitments to work and family, veterans with prior military training, and students who plan to continue with post-graduate education. Degree completion also often increases marketability and mobility within an established career.

ADDING FOCUS TO THE RBA

The Regents Bachelor of Arts degree prepares students for a variety of post-graduate opportunities. Students in the RBA program can complete a focused area of education to further define this degree. Each area of emphasis requires the completion of 15 graded hours of upper-division classroom work with a grade of C- or better in each course. Read more about Areas of Emphasis here (p. 2).

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Admissions

Admission and retention requirements are the same as for other degree programs except that students are not eligible for admission until at least three years after graduation from high school.

Students who have earned any Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), or Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree are eligible for admission.

Students may not be enrolled simultaneously in the RBA program and another college degree program and they are ineligible if they have already earned a bachelor's degree.

Pending approval of the Registrar, all passing grades from other accredited colleges, plus passing grades on CLEP, DSST and other college level tests, will be accepted.

Credit may be awarded for certificates and licenses based upon standards as set by the Regents Bachelor of Arts program.

Please use this link to view a list of courses that meet each GEF requirement. (<http://registrar.wvu.edu/gef>)

Degree Requirements

• General Education:

- 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 (3 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 Applications (3 hours)
- Additional, Mathematics, Computer Applications, Statistic, or Science (3 hours)
- **Required Major Courses:** MDS 311 Professional Development (1 hour); MDS 411 Capstone (1 hour).

- **Residency:** Students must complete a residency 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 at WVU Tech.
- **Portfolios:** Students may earn credit through academic portfolios for prior learning and experiences.
- **Grade Point Average:** Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 to be eligible for graduation.
- **Grade Point Average in the Major:** A minimum GPA is required in all courses applied to major requirements. If a course is repeated, all attempts will be included in the calculation of the GPA, unless the course is eligible for a D/F repeat.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
General Education		
Communication Skills		6
Select courses fulfilling GEF 1 or courses fulfilling this outcome and approved by the RBA Coordinator.		
Humanities		6
Select courses fulfilling GEF 5 or 6, or courses fulfilling this outcome and approved by the RBA Coordinator.		
Social Science		6
Select courses fulfilling GEF 4 or 7, or courses fulfilling this outcome and approved by the RBA Coordinator.		
Natural or Physical Science		3
Select courses fulfilling GEF 2, or courses fulfilling this outcome and approved by the RBA Coordinator.		
Mathematics, Statistics, or Computer Science		3
Select courses fulfilling GEF 3, or courses fulfilling this outcome and approved by the RBA Coordinator.		
Additional Mathematics, Computer Science, Statistics, or Science		3
Select an additional course fulfilling GEF 2, GEF 3, or courses fulfilling this outcome and approved by the RBA Coordinator.		
Upper Division Courses		30
RBA Required Courses		
MDS 311	RBA Professional Development (1 credit)	
MDS 411	RBA Capstone (1 credit)	
Select 28 additional credits at the 300 or 400 level		
Electives		63
Select any course at any level		
Total Hours		120

Areas of Emphasis Offered

- Adventure Recreation Management (p. 2)
- Aviation Studies (p. 3)
- Business (p. 3)
- Creative Arts (p. 3)
- Cultural Studies (p. 3)
- Government (p. 3)
- Health Care Services (p. 3)
- Information Studies (p. 3)
- Marketing (p. 4)
- Organizational Management (p. 4)
- Professional Pilot (p. 5)
- Sciences (p. 5)
- Social Sciences (p. 5)
- Sport Studies (p. 5)

ADVENTURE RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA OF EMPHASIS

Code	Title	Hours
A minimum grade of C- is required for all courses within the Area of Emphasis.		
300 or 400 level ADRC Courses		15
Total Hours		15

AVIATION STUDIES AREA OF EMPHASIS

Code	Title	Hours
A minimum grade of C is required in all AOE coursework.		
AVIA 489	Aviation Law	3
Upper-Division AVIA Courses		12
Total Hours		15

BUSINESS AREA OF EMPHASIS

Code	Title	Hours
Must have a C- grade or better in all AOE designated courses		
300 or 400 level courses in the following subject areas: ACCT, BMAN, ENTR, FIN, MANG, MKTG, ISYS		15
Total Hours		15

CREATIVE ARTS AREA OF EMPHASIS

Code	Title	Hours
Must earn a C- grade or better in all designated AOE courses		
300 or 400 level courses in the following subject areas: ENGL, MUSC, THET, and Languages		15
Total Hours		15

CULTURAL STUDIES AREA OF EMPHASIS

Code	Title	Hours
Must have a C- grade or better in all AOE designated courses		
300 or 400 level courses in the following subject areas: ENGL, HIST, MUSC, PSYC, SOCA		15
Total Hours		15

GOVERNMENT AREA OF EMPHASIS

Code	Title	Hours
Must earn a C- grade or better in all designated AOE courses		
300 or 400 level courses in the following subject areas: ECON, HIST, POLS, SOCA		15
Total Hours		15

HEALTH CARE SERVICES AREA OF EMPHASIS

Code	Title	Hours
Must earn a C- grade or better in all designated AOE courses		
HUMS 320	Public Administration	3
HUMS 330	Health Insurance	3
Select three of the following:		9
300 or 400 level courses in the following subject areas: HUMS		
SOC 312	Death and Dying	
SOC 325	Illness and Health Care	
Total Hours		15

INFORMATION STUDIES AREA OF EMPHASIS

Code	Title	Hours
Must have a C- grade or better in all AOE designated courses		
Select from the following:		15
300 or 400 level courses in the following subject areas: ENGL		
300 or 400 level courses in the following subject areas: ISYS		

BMAN 371	Management of Small Business	
BMAN 373	Human Resource Management Fundamentals	
BMAN 375	Leadership In Business	
BMAN 376	International Business	
BMAN 377	Business Simulation	
BMAN 378	Business Statistics	
BMAN 472	Business Information Systems	
BMAN 473	Organizational Behavior	
BMAN 474	Business Research Methods	
Total Hours		15

MARKETING AREA OF EMPHASIS

Code	Title	Hours
Must earn a C- grade or better in all designated AOE courses		
BMAN 350	Principles of Marketing	3
Select four from the following:		12
BMAN 371	Management of Small Business	
BMAN 373	Human Resource Management Fundamentals	
BMAN 375	Leadership In Business	
BMAN 376	International Business	
BMAN 377	Business Simulation	
BMAN 378	Business Statistics	
BMAN 472	Business Information Systems	
BMAN 473	Organizational Behavior	
BMAN 474	Business Research Methods	
Total Hours		15

ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT AREA OF EMPHASIS

Code	Title	Hours
Must earn a C- grade or better in all designated AOE courses		
BMAN 370	Principles of Management	3
BMAN 473	Organizational Behavior	3
Select three from the following:		9
BMAN 320	Legal Environment of Business	
BMAN 330	Information Systems and Technology	
BMAN 340	Principles of Finance	
BMAN 350	Principles of Marketing	
BMAN 372	Supply Chain Management	
BMAN 470	Contemporary Business Strategy	
BMAN 371	Management of Small Business	
BMAN 373	Human Resource Management Fundamentals	
BMAN 375	Leadership In Business	
BMAN 376	International Business	
BMAN 377	Business Simulation	
BMAN 378	Business Statistics	
BMAN 472	Business Information Systems	
BMAN 474	Business Research Methods	
Total Hours		15

PROFESSIONAL PILOT AREA OF EMPHASIS

Code	Title	Hours
Required Coursework		
AVIA 301	Principles of Aviation Instruction	3
AVIA 302	Initial Flight Instructor	3
AVIA 304	Instrument Flight Instructor	2
AVIA 306	Advanced Flight Instructor	1
AVIA 380	Aviation Weather	3
AVIA 381	Professional Field Experience 3	3
Total Hours		15

* Required prerequisite courses are AVIA 201, AVIA 231, AVIA 241, and AVIA 281. Students must complete these courses and/or have the applicable FAA pilot certificates (commercial pilot, instrument rating, and multi-engine rating)

SCIENCES AREA OF EMPHASIS

Code	Title	Hours
Must earn a C- grade or better in all designated AOE courses		
300 or 400 level courses in the following subject areas: BIOL, CHEM, MATH, PHYS		15
Total Hours		15

SOCIAL SCIENCES AREA OF EMPHASIS

Code	Title	Hours
Must earn a C- grade or better in all designated AOE courses		
Select from the following:		15
300 or 400 level courses in the following subject areas: ANTH, CJ, CRIM, HIST, POLS, PSYC, SOC		
BMAN 310	Intermediate Micro-Economic Theory	
BMAN 313	Money and Banking	
BMAN 413	Collective Bargaining	
BMAN 414	Public Economics	
BMAN 416	Health Economics	
Total Hours		15

SPORT STUDIES AREA OF EMPHASIS

Code	Title	Hours
Upper-Division ACE Coursework		6
Upper-Division SM Coursework		6
Upper-Division ACE or SM Coursework		3
Total Hours		15

Major Learning Outcomes**REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Due to the unique nature of the Regents BA program, the learning outcomes for Regents BA students include four general education areas outlined below by the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU) LEAP Essential Learning Outcomes (<https://registrar.wvu.edu/curriculum-catalog/general-education-foundations-gef/gef-transition/leap-essential-learning-outcomes/>). In addition, the program has three more learning outcomes associated with its required coursework.

Upon completion of the RBA degree, students will demonstrate the following:

1. **Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Physical and Natural World** - Measured by completion of Regents BA Natural/Physical Science, Mathematics, Social Science, and Humanities general education requirements

2. **Intellectual and Practical Skills** - *Measured by completion of Regents BA Communication Skills, Natural/Physical Science, and Mathematics general education requirements*
3. **Personal and Social Responsibility** - *Measured by completion of Regents BA Social Science and Humanities general education requirements*
4. **Integrative and Applied Learning** - *Measured by completion of Regents BA Communication Skills, Natural/Physical Science, and Mathematics general education requirements*
5. Reflect on the relevance of prior learning experiences to their current academic pursuits.
6. Communicate their unique knowledge, strengths and skills acquired through the RBA degree.
7. Integrate their coursework with future goals and aspirations.

The Regents BA program assesses and measures these outcomes through completion of an e-portfolio.