



WVROCKS/RBAS FAQs

As a student enrolled in the Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA) degree program at Fairmont State University, you are eligible to enroll in courses designed specifically for you!

These classes are all 8-weeks, online, and asynchronous with no prerequisites to provide you with a convenient way to fulfill your degree requirements using an online portal that gives you access to courses taught across the state.

What is WVROCKS?

WVROCKS is an acronym for West Virginia's Remote Online Collaborative Knowledge System. It is a statewide portal designed to facilitate the completion of the Regents Bachelor of Arts degree for all students enrolled in the program at any state institution of higher learning.

Because participating colleges and universities will cross list the courses in their schedules, you will receive credit toward the completion of your degree no matter which state institution hosts the course!

How much do the courses cost?

\$250.00 per credit hour — Courses are 3 credit hours each unless specified otherwise on the semester schedule.

Can I use financial aid to pay for these courses?

Yes. However, any credit beyond 12 hours will require you to either pay out-of-pocket or can be covered with any additional financial aid funds (that are generally included in the difference checks sent to students).

Are all classes taught by Fairmont State faculty?

No. Classes are accessed using an online portal, which allows you access to courses taught by faculty members at other West Virginia colleges and universities in addition to those at your home institution.

Why do the start and end dates differ from other Fairmont State courses?

As a state initiative, the start and end dates for RBAS course sessions are averaged to allow greater access to all students in the state. Therefore, the meeting times for these courses do not always correspond to the traditional campus calendar.

I'm interested, where can I find more information?

Course descriptions and required textbook information are available at <https://wvrocks.org/course-catalog/>

I don't see any RBAS classes listed in the WVROCKS catalog. What do I do?

The Course ID will not match the RBAS courses at Fairmont State. You'll be searching for classes by Course Name instead.

Please note: To be considered upper-division level, a class must be posted as RBAS 33— or RBAS 44— on the Fairmont State schedule.

Where can I buy my textbooks?

Textbooks for RBAS courses are not carried in the Fairmont State bookstore. Most students purchase textbooks for RBAS courses from online retailers and many of the textbooks are also available for electronic download.

How do I register? Why do I receive an error when attempting to add RBAS courses?

RBAS courses are available only to students admitted to the RBA Degree Program, and the RBAS courses all require instructor approval. To receive override permission to enroll in these courses, e-mail Pamela.Stephens@fairmontstate.edu

Please note: Attempting to enroll in RBAS classes without prior permission will not send a notification to the RBA Coordinator that permission is needed.

Why does Pamela Stephens teach all of the RBAS courses?

Pamela Stephens is listed as an instructor in order to provide override permission to students eligible to enroll in these courses. She does not teach any of them.

Are RBAS classes available in the summer?

Yes. They are also taught as 8-week courses during summer session. However, during spring and fall semesters, two 8-week sessions are available. During summer session, only one 8-week session is available.