



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 mostly upper-division 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—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. All courses are taught by faculty employed at one of WV's colleges or universities. 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?

\$223.00 per credit hour

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. The classes offered through the WVROCKS portal are being taught by faculty at Fairmont State University, Marshall University, Bluefield State College, Concord University, Glenville State College, West Virginia State University, and Shepherd University. 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 textbook information are available at <https://ilearn-wvrocks.wvnet.edu>

Under Browse Categories, 1) select Regents Bachelor of Arts, 2) select Go, 3) select View Textbooks.

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 rba@fairmontstate.edu or call the RBA Coordinator at 304-367-4709.

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 who are 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.

Anything else I need to know?

Yes. The seat availability listed on the schedule of courses is not an accurate indication of the number of students enrolled. Since the classes are offered across the state, there may be more students enrolled than appears. But, there may also be more seats available as well, since multiple sections may exist. If you are interested in a specific course, please check with the RBA Coordinator regarding availability.