

Fairmont State University Regents B.A. Degree Program

The Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA) Degree Program is a flexible nontraditional program designed for adults in the belief that they are distinctly different in their educational needs. The program can be tailored to fit those who need a degree for career advancement, those who have an associate degree in a field in which there is no corresponding baccalaureate degree available or those who seek intellectual development and personal fulfillment. The degree has particular relevance for persons who completed some college work in past years but did not obtain a degree.

Admission Information and Requirements

Applicants are eligible for admission four years after graduation from high school. Persons with high school equivalency may be admitted four years after their high school class graduated. There is no fee for admission to the program. If an applicant has previous college credit, grades of F received four years or more before admission to the Regents program are disregarded. Requirements are as follows:

- 120 — Total Semester Credit Hours
- 39 — Upper Division Hours (300 and 400 level)
- 36 — General Education Hours to include the minimum hours indicated in each of the following areas:

Communications (6) *English 1104, 1108 or 1109, COMM 2200, 2201, or 2202*

Humanities (6) *Introductory courses in Literature, Bible and Religion, Modern Languages, Philosophy, Art, Music, Humanities, or equivalent courses or credit.*

Natural Sciences (6) *Introductory courses in Chemistry, Physics, Geology, Physical Science, Biological Science, Botany, Zoology or equivalent courses or credit.*

Social Sciences (6) *Introductory courses in*

Economics, Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, History, Social Studies, Political Science, Geography, or equivalent courses or credit.

Mathematical Sciences or Computer Applications (3) *Mathematics 1102, 1107, 1112, 1115, 1170, 1185 or any computer course, or equivalent course or credit.*

General Education (9) *The remaining nine hours may be from any one, or a combination, of the above designated areas.*

MAJOR: No major is required. The program can be tailored to meet the needs of each student.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE: 2.0 or C average.

RESIDENCE: 24 semester hours in one or several of the colleges and universities in the State College and University Systems of West Virginia.

Program Procedures

You may enroll in the RBA Degree Program any time during the year. The procedures recommended for each candidate are as follows:

1. *Contact the Coordinator of the RBA Degree Program for information relative to the Program.*
2. *Complete and submit required Program admission forms.*
3. *Have official copies of transcripts mailed from the Registrar of all institutions of higher education attended prior to enrollment in the Program. All transcripts should be mailed to the Program Coordinator.*
4. *Upon completion of the evaluation of the transcripts, the student will be informed of how the previous credits apply to requirements. Deficiencies will be specified. Courses selected by student must have Coordinator's approval.*
5. *The Coordinator will advise each student relative to the completion of requirements which may involve one or more of the following: a.) Transferring credit previously earned. b) Taking courses in any regionally accredited college or university including resident, extension, correspondence, independent study,*

television, or on-line courses. Arranged courses may be available to RBA Degree candidates. c) Earning credit by examination, including such programs as the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and, where available, Fairmont State University departmental exams. d.) Being awarded college-equivalent credit by Fairmont State University.

6. *Early in the semester of anticipated graduation, the student will complete a graduation form and pay the appropriate fees.*

7. *Successful completion of all requirements will enable the student to graduate with a Regents B.A. Degree at regular commencement exercises.*

College-Equivalent Credit

A unique feature of the RBA program is the possibility of obtaining college-equivalent credit for **learning** which has taken place outside of a college, if that learning is generally equivalent to that which results from a college course. The learning may have resulted from a variety of work experiences, such as on-the-job training, personal study, the pursuit of hobbies, or from a formal educational program offered outside of a college or university, such as a hospital nursing course or military service training courses. College-equivalent credit is awarded only for the acquisition of knowledge or skills equivalent to the knowledge or skills acquired in college courses. An applicant for college-equivalent credit prepares a portfolio, for each course being requested, which includes a detailed description of the knowledge or skills believed to have been acquired outside of the college setting. Supporting documents, such as job descriptions, examples of work, and certificates for the completion of training programs should be included. Specific directions for portfolio preparation are available for enrolled students. The portfolio is reviewed by appropriate faculty members at Fairmont State University or by other experts, if a field of study not offered by the university is involved. Faculty members recommend the hours of credit to be awarded by subject at the upper and lower levels, equating the credit with current Fairmont State course

offerings. A standard fee has been established for the evaluation process, plus a fee for the award of each hour of college-equivalent credit. Portfolios are only accepted for evaluation prior to mid-term of each fall and spring semester. Students are requested to re-claim their portfolios one year after they are submitted for evaluation.

Information and Admission

An appointment with the Coordinator is required prior to enrollment to discuss program requirements and/or portfolio preparation procedures. Please write or call the Office of the Coordinator to establish an appropriate day and time.



For More Information Call:

(304) 367-4193
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