REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS (RBA)

The Regents Bachelor of Arts program is an innovative bachelor's degree that allows adult students to complete a bachelor's degree with no minor or major. The program differs from other baccalaureate degrees in many respects. It is designed for students who are already working and seeking a degree, not for students at the beginning of an academic pathway. Areas of emphasis are available in History, Leadership, Literature, Professional Writing, Psychology and Sociology.

RBA students are governed by the same basic academic regulations as other students enrolled at WVU Parkersburg. These include rules on grading, D/F repeat rule, probation and suspension, and student rights and responsibilities. Interested students should contact the Professional Advising Center, in room 1332, for more information.

The Portfolio Process

Students may petition for credits in specific college-level courses that they have not already completed by writing a portfolio. The portfolio summarizes the learning that took place and equates that learning to the objectives in the syllabus for a college-level course. If the prior learning is not equal to a specific course, credit may be petitioned in the discipline area. Documentation is required to substantiate the petitions for credit. Portfolios are evaluated by faculty in the discipline being reviewed; recommendations are made for the award of "college equivalent credit."

Students who choose to earn credit for college-level learning acquired through professional work experience or other life experiences may complete the portfolio development course and submit a portfolio. There are fees for the portfolio evaluation and the portfolio credit postings; contact the Director (kim.mcfee@wvup.edu) of the Regents Bachelor of Arts program for details.

Admission to the Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree Program

- Students with regionally accredited baccalaureate degrees are excluded.
- Must be fully admitted to WVU Parkersburg.
- Students must have a 2.0 GPA.
- Must have completed 58 hours toward the requirements of the program.
- Students are not eligible for admission until four years after graduation from high school
    - Admission to the program is open only to students who graduated from high school at least four years prior.
    - For those passing a high school equivalency (GED) test, admission must be four years after their original class graduated from high school.

Program Requirements

- 120 total credit hours
- 30 credit hours of 300 level and above
- 36 general education hours to include the following:
    - Communications: 6 credit hours (3 hours must be ENGL 101 ~COMPOSITION 1)
    - Mathematical Science or Computer Science: (3 credit hours)
    - Natural Sciences or Physical Sciences (3 credit hours)
    - Natural/Physical Sciences/Math/Comp Sci. (3 credit hours)
    - Humanities: (6 credit hours)
    - Social Sciences: (6 credit hours)
    - General Education (9 credit hours)

Degree requires a total of 120 credit hours. [Core Course Credit Hours : 36]

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
ENGL 101	~COMPOSITION 1	3
Communications		3
Select one of the following:		3
Computer Science		
Math		
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Math		
Natural Sciences		
Physical Sciences		
Computer Science		

Select one of the following:	3
Natural Sciences	
Physical Sciences	
Humanities	6
Social Sciences	6
General Education	9
Program Courses	
Free Electives of 300 Level and Above	30
Free Electives of Any Level	54
Total Hours	**120**