

## RBA students must fulfill the following requirements:

**Total Credit hours:** 128  
**Cumulative GPA:** 2.00 (on a 4-point scale)

The minimum hours in each of the following three areas:

### **General Education:** 36 Hours

- 6 Communication Skills** – English or Speech courses which focus primarily on the acquisition of writing or speaking skills.
- 6 Humanities** – Art, Foreign Languages, Humanities, JOUR 101, Literature, Music, or Theater
- 6 Social Sciences** – Anthropology, Geography, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religion, or Sociology.
- 6 Natural or Physical Sciences** – Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geology, Physical Sciences, or Physics.
- 3 Mathematical Sciences** – MATH 107, 108, 111, 112, 121, 126, CS 101, or GBUS 117
- 9 “Other” Hours** may be from one or a combination of the above areas to complete the remaining 36 hour requirement .

### **Upper-Division Hours:**

**A minimum of 40 hours:** These courses are numbered 300 to 400 at WVU at Parkersburg and most other institutions.

### **Remaining Hours:**

**52 hours of College Level Coursework:** Students may satisfy this requirement through traditional college courses, standardized exams, institutional-based challenge exams, licensure/certification/formal training programs covering by state standardized awards, military training assessed by ACE, and portfolio review.

### **Residency:**

**24 hours of regular coursework:** Students are permitted to use on campus or online courses taken at any regionally accredited institution in the state to meet this residency requirement. **Note:** Neither portfolio credit nor credit by exam may be used to meet the residency requirement.

## West Virginia University at Parkersburg

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# Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree Program

**“A flexible bachelor  
degree program  
for busy adults”**





# The Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA)

The Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA)—an innovative degree program designed for adult students—is offered at West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

The RBA Program operates on the same level of academic quality as other, more traditionally structured baccalaureate degree programs. Students are entitled to the same privileges as other WVU at Parkersburg students. They are eligible for financial aid, scholarships, awards, and the use of College facilities.

RBA students are governed by the same basic academic regulations as other students enrolled at WVU at Parkersburg. These include rules on academic forgiveness (for past poor grades), grading, probation or suspension, student rights and responsibilities.

RBA graduates frequently continue on for graduate and/or professional studies.

However, the Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree Program differs from other baccalaureate degrees in West Virginia in the following respects:

RBA students can be awarded college equivalent credit for some work and life experiences towards degree requirements, which is a unique aspect of this program. Students develop a portfolio by the process described later in this brochure.

RBA students are provided a comprehensive general education degree, without the requirement of a major. Students design a course of study that best fits their own needs.

RBA program requirements are designed to meet the special needs of the adult learner. The program provides considerable flexibility in how, when, and where the course requirements are met.

RBA students may earn credit through regular college courses, television, correspondence or online courses. Additionally students can earn credit by exam, and develop portfolios.

RBA students do not have a time limit for completing the degree requirements.

## Admission and Other Information

Admission to the RBA program is open to those who graduated from high school at least four years ago. For those passing the high school equivalency test (GED), admission is four years after their class graduated from high school.

Almost all credits, except remedial credits, earned in the past from regionally accredited institutions are honored, although no more than 72 hours of lower-division credit from two-year community or junior colleges can count toward the bachelor's degree.

Registration and course fees are the same as those for West Virginia University at Parkersburg students.

Upon completion of degree requirements, students graduate from WVU at Parkersburg at regular commencement exercises.

## The Portfolio Process

“What a student knows is more important than how they learned it.” This is the central principle underlying assessment of work/life experiences. If an RBA student can demonstrate their existing knowledge and skills are reasonably comparable to those of college-trained students, then comparable credit is awarded. Students develop a portfolio, which includes identified college courses, a verification section and narrative explaining their experiences. Portfolios are evaluated by college faculty who make recommendations concerning the award of college equivalent credit.

For those seeking college equivalent credit there is an initial \$300 assessment fee (regardless of the number of credit hours requested) and an additional \$10 per credit hour fee for credits actually awarded and posted to the transcript.

## Further Information

Please feel free to contact the RBA office at any time you may have questions regarding the program.

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