



*REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS
DEGREE PROGRAM (RBA)*

AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM

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What is Regents Degree

The RBA (Regents Bachelor of Arts) degree is an innovative baccalaureate designed for adult students.

To gain admission into the RBA program, prospective applicants must fulfill the following requirements:

They must meet WVU admissions requirements.

They have to be out of high school for **FOUR** years or more.

Students can also transfer into the RBA program as long as they meet the four Year eligibility requirement.

Example: Graduated HS May or June 2012- can enter RBA Program Fall 2016

RBA Students can stay active for a period of 4 semesters without having to be readmitted.

Academic options

Area of Emphasis

Different AOE's available for RBA Students.

http://rba.wvu.edu/current_students/areas_of_emphasis

Minors - <http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/minors>

Portfolio and standardized awards submission

Pathway to Masters programs.

Degree Plan

- 120 credits
- General Education Credits 27 hours
- Upper Levels (300-400) – 39 Credit Hours
- Residency: 24 hours – 6 upper division credit hours of which must be taken from WVU

Why RBA Degree is convenient for Adult Learners

- *Great opportunity to earn a Bachelor's degree.*
- *Flexibility in choosing courses and attending classes.*
- *Over 300 online courses available through WVU Online to fit our students' schedule.*
- *Career growth and better opportunity for advancement.*
- *Translate work experiences to College Equivalent Credits (Portfolio and/or standardized awards).*
- *Focused pathway to graduate education.*

RBA F-Forgiveness

- Four years prior to enrolling into the RBA PROGRAM

Example: enter program for Fall 2016, can forgive F grades on all transcripts before Fall 2012.

What can be forgiven

F's - Failed grades

I or IN's - Incompletes

But not "W"

Portfolio Option

- Currently web based - Access will have to be granted to interested students.
 - * Foliotek software
- Using work or life experience to petition for credits.
- Payment is now online through students Accounts.

Standard Awards Evaluation

- **What is a Standardized Award?**

Standardized Awards are allotments of college-equivalent credit awarded for specific types of experience that have already been evaluated.

Examples

- Water safety instructor, lifeguarding, Pharmacy tech
- Business areas : certified data processing, computer information tech certifications
- STATE and basic POLICE training

Graduate Education RBA Pathways

- Online Hybrid MBA
- Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling
- Corporate and Organizational Communication
- Masters of Legal Studies
- Athletic Coaching Education
- Instructional Design & Technology (IDT)
- Integrated Marketing Communications (IMC)

Financial Aid / Scholarships

Osher Reentry Scholarship

Available for non-traditional students

First time undergraduate degree seekers

<http://financialaid.wvu.edu/aid-and-scholarships/scholarships#Institutional>

College of Education and Human Services /RBA Scholarships

<http://rba.wvu.edu/scholarships>

June Hitt Blake

Michael and Janette Heitz

Bob Wagner

Benefits for WVU Staff

- Registration fee waived
- Portfolio award fee \$10 per credit hour is waived
- **Staff Council Tuition Assistance Program**

The Tuition Assistance Program, designed in 1986, allows over 200 classified staff to take classes free of charge at WVU, its divisional campuses, and Fairmont State University.

Deadline:

Fall Semester – Third Monday in June

Spring Semester – Third Monday in November

Summer – April 30th

- Three – Four credits per semester.
- Portfolio fee \$300 is paid for by ***SCA (in place of class).***

Questions



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