

INTERDISCIPLINARY AND GENERAL STUDIES

The College offers three degree programs designed to provide students with the opportunity to tailor their degree program to their specific educational goals.

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

The Interdisciplinary Studies Program (IDS) leads to the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science degree. The degree requirements are as follows:

1. All general institutional requirements for the B.A. or B.S. degree (e.g. a required minimum of 128 hours, 45 of which must be upper division level).
2. The General Education program (43 hours).
3. A concentration area from two or more disciplines of at least 48 hours of classes, half of which must be upper division level. Each concentration area must include at least 15 hours in courses within the concentration.
4. A student entering the IDS program after the semester in which the student has accumulated 90 credit hours must have a 2.5 average. In order to graduate with an IDS degree, a student must have at least a 2.5 GPA.
5. Under the supervision and with the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, students and their advisors develop their own concentration area from courses already in the catalog. The concentration area consists of a combination of courses having a clear central purpose and aimed at a specific learning objective that is different from objectives of the major fields of study established at Glenville State College. Hours not required in the concentration area or by the college will be electives.
6. All IDS programs must be approved in advance by the Provost and Senior Vice President.

REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM

An innovative bachelor's degree program designed for the adult student was developed by the public institutions of higher education in West Virginia. It is the Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree Program, and is different from any present baccalaureate degree plan in West Virginia in many respects.

The minimum requirements for the degree are: a total of 120 hours, 39 hours of upper division classes, 36 hours of general studies (minimum of six hours in each of the following areas — communications, humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences and three hours of mathematical sciences or computer applications). At least 24 hours must be earned in one of the participating public colleges of the state system.

College credit awarded to students in the program for work or alternative learning experiences can count toward the degree requirements. For determination of college equivalent credit for the student's work and alternative learning experiences when requested by the student, there will be a fee of \$300 for the evaluation, regardless of the number of hours awarded and a \$10.00 fee will be assessed per each college credit hour posted.

While the program is designed to provide the Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree student a sound educational foundation, rigid specialization requirements are not imposed. With the assistance of the RBA advisor, each applicant creates the course program that best fits his or her needs.

By design, the Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree Program is operated on the same level of academic quality as other more traditionally structured baccalaureate degree programs. It is not intended as an "escape outlet" for students excluded from regular programs for reasons of poor scholarship. However, poor scholarship in early years of study should not prevent the admission of students who have demonstrated their maturity and ability to acquire and use knowledge.

Credit may be granted for correspondence credit and college equivalency testing (i.e., CLEP, College-Level GED, USAFI, and others).

Admission Criteria

Admission to the program is open to students who graduated from high school at least four years ago. For those passing a high school equivalency test, admission must be four years after their class graduated from high school.

Full-time students who have been suspended from other programs for academic reasons may not be admitted to the Regents Bachelor of Arts program unless they have not been engaged in full time study for at least one academic year. Admission after the one year period must be approved by the program coordinator.

Honors for Regents Bachelor of Arts Students

Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree students will be eligible to graduate with honors at Glenville State College if they have completed a minimum of ninety (90) traditional semester hours from accredited colleges and/or universities.

All traditional college hours from accredited colleges and/or universities will be utilized to compute the overall grade point average for determining whether or not the Regents Bachelor of Arts student will graduate with honors. The computation will include all failing grades regardless of when they were earned, and the “D” and “F” repeat rules will apply.

Procedures Regarding Graduation of Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree Candidates

All candidates seeking the Regents Bachelor of Arts degree will be eligible for graduation only after all materials submitted as a part of the Portfolio of Life Experience have been evaluated by faculty and recommendations approved by the appropriate administrative offices. It will be the responsibility of the Coordinator of the Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree Program to certify to the Certification Analyst that the process of evaluation for college equivalent credit has been completed prior to the date of graduation.

Areas of Emphasis

Students enrolling in the RBA program have the option of completing an Area of Emphasis. A minimum of 15 upper level credit hours (300 and above) with a minimum grade of “C”, is required. College Equivalent Credit (CEC) is not considered for fulfilling Area of Emphasis requirements and course substitutions are not permitted. The Area of Emphasis will be indicated on the student’s transcript upon his/her request. Areas of Emphasis are available from the following departments: Business, Criminal Justice, English, Land Resources, Science & Math, and Social Science. Students should contact the RBA Coordinator for further information on specific Areas of Emphasis and course requirements.

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**ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
GENERAL STUDIES
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The General Studies AA program is not open to students enrolled in other academic programs.

A minimum grade of “C” is required in English 101 and English 102 in order to meet English proficiency requirements.

GSC 100 - The First-Year Experience 1 hour

The Humanities19 hours

- CART 101 Introduction to Public Speaking.....3
- CSCI 101 Contemporary Computer Applications.....3
- ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Writing I.....3
- ENGL 102 Critical Reading and Writing II:
The American Mosaic.....3
- ENGL 203, 204, 205 or 206
Survey of English/American Literature I/II.....3

Two of the following.....4

- ART 200 Survey of Art
- CART 200 Survey of Theatre
- MUSC 200 Survey of Music

The Natural Sciences and Mathematics.....11 hours

- MATH 102 College Algebra (or higher course number)*3

*Students are encouraged to take MATH 105 – Quantitative Reasoning unless their area of emphasis requires MATH 102.

Two of the following courses8

- BIOL 101 General Biology I
- BIOL 102 Introduction to Cellular Biology
- CHEM 100 Introductory Chemistry I
- CHEM 101 General Chemistry I
- ENVR 101 Environmental Science
- PHYS 201 General Physics I
- PHYS 209 General Geology
- SCNC 101 Earth Science

The Social Sciences9 hours

Two of the following courses6

- HIST 201 History of World Cultures I
- HIST 202 History of World Cultures II
- HIST 207 U.S. History to 1877
- HIST 208 U.S. History Since 1877
- POSC 203 American National Government

One of the following courses3

- ECON 201 Principles of Microeconomics
- GEOG 203 World Regional Geography
- PSYC 201 General Psychology
- SOCL 205 Principles of Sociology
- SOCS 225 Introduction to Global Studies

Health and Physical Education..... 2 hour

- PED 101 Personal Health1
- PED 201 First Aid and Safety1

***Area of Emphasis12 hours**

A minimum of 12 hours (100-200 level) must be selected from courses offered within one of the following academic departments: Business, Fine Arts, Land Resources, Language and Literature, Science and Math, or Social Science.

A minimum grade of “C” or better is required in courses in the Area of Emphasis.

Electives (100 and 200 level).....10 hours

Total minimum hours required for degree.....64 hours

**AA – GENERAL STUDIES
SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY**

FIRST YEAR

ART 200, CART 200 (OR)	
MUSC 200	2
CART 101	3
ENGL 101	3
GSC 100.....	1
MATH 102.....	3
PED 101	1
AREA OF EMPHASIS.....	3
Total Hours - Fall Semester	17

ART 200, CART 200 (OR)	
MUSC 200	2
BIOL 101, 102, CHEM 100, 101, ENVR 101, PHYS 201, PHYS 209 (OR) SCNC 101.....	4
CSCI 101.....	3
ENGL 102.....	3
HIST 201, 202, 207, 208 (OR) POSC 203.....	3
PED 201	1
Total Hours - Spring Semester	16

SECOND YEAR

BIOL 101, 102, CHEM 100, 101, ENVR 101, PHYS 201, PHYS 209 (OR) SCNC 101	4
ENGL 203, 204, 205 (OR) 206.....	3
HIST 201, 202, 207, 208 (OR) POSC 203.....	3
AREA OF EMPHASIS.....	6
Total Hours - Fall Semester	16

APPLY FOR GRADUATION

ECON 201, GEOG 203, PSYC 201, SOCL 205 (OR) SOCS 225	3
AREA OF EMPHASIS.....	3
ELECTIVES	10
Total Hours - Spring Semester	16

REQUEST DEGREE EVALUATION