

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.