RBA Today

Life can be challenging and even hectic, but you don’t have to put your career and educational goals on hold. The Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA) program helps you work around life’s challenges so you can earn a bachelor’s degree.

And now, the RBA degree is even better. Many colleges and universities in West Virginia are offering an enhanced version of the program through an initiative called RBA Today. RBA Today offers adults flexibility and choices, including:

- Classes that are compressed into shorter time frames
- The option to receive credit for life and work experience, and
- The ability to take online, evening and weekend classes.

From the beginning, you will receive assistance from an RBA professional who will help you create a plan to achieve your goals and obtain your degree! The program is perfect for adults who have completed some college classes, because credits you’ve earned in the past can often count toward your degree – even if you’ve been out of school for a long time.

You may even be able to count some of the knowledge you’ve gained from work and life experiences toward college credit.

Thanks to RBA Today, there’s never been a better time to go back to school. But you’ve got to take the first step.

Why RBA?

The RBA Degree is a non-traditional program designed for adults interested in obtaining a bachelor’s degree.

If you’ve graduated from high school at least four years ago; if you need a college degree to advance in your career; if you have an associate’s degree and would like to build on that foundation; or if you are seeking intellectual growth or personal achievement, the Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA) program may be the program for you.

The Program is of high academic quality and the holder of an RBA degree will have met comparable requirements for the more conventional baccalaureate degree. The difference in the two routes toward obtaining a BA degree is the key to the Program. Credit awarded in the conventional manner may be used in the Program, but college equivalent credit awarded for work and life experience can also count toward the degree. Students entering the Program will be evaluated on their experience and may create a unique program that suits their needs.

Admission Requirements

A student is admitted to the Program by submitting the Regents BA application for admission to the Coordinator of the RBA Degree at West Liberty University. Admission to this program does
not provide for admission to other programs at West Liberty University, but rather provides only for admission to the Regents BA Degree Program.

Individuals with accredited baccalaureate degrees are excluded from the Regents Degree Program.

A person may not be enrolled simultaneously in the RBA Program and another degree program.

**High School Graduates/GED Students**

In order to be admitted to the Regents BA Program a student must have graduated from high school at least four years ago with a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average. If the high school diploma was awarded by examination (GED), then admission would occur four years after the graduating high school class.

**Transfer Students**

Eligible students may transfer into the Regents Program from other institutions or from other majors within West Liberty University. Students transferring from other institutions should have official transcripts from those institutions sent to the RBA Office.

The Board of Governors’ policies regarding transfer of credits between institutions will apply to students in this Program.

In transferring credits from accredited institutions to the Program, all passing grades are accepted. All grades of “F” received four years or more before admission to the program are excluded from the cumulative grade point average.

CPEP, CLEP, USAFI and similar testing results are acceptable for credit.

Transfer credits will be assessed at the time of evaluation. Requirements may be fulfilled by college-equivalent credit, transfer credits, or accredited courses taken after enrollment in the Program.

**Fees**

There is no application fee required for admission to the Program.

For portfolios where credit is awarded based on standardized awards, an evaluation fee of $300 will be charged. For faculty-evaluated portfolios, a $10 per-credit-hour posting fee will be added to the initial charge of $300. The fees will be charged whether or not academic credit is awarded. The fees will be charged each time a student requests any subsequent assessments of work not included in the initial appraisal.

Registration and service fees for enrollment in classes will be assessed according to the established fee schedule.
The graduation fee will be that of West Liberty University.

**Degree Requirements**

**General Studies**

The Regents Bachelor of Arts degree requires students to take a minimum of 36 hours of general studies course work. The general studies requirements include courses in the following:

- **Six** hours of Communications
- **Six** hours of Humanities
- **Six** hours of Natural Sciences
- **Six** hours of Social Sciences
- **Three** hours of Mathematical Sciences or Computer Applications
- **Nine** hours of electives (from any of the general studies categories listed above)

**Upper Division Hours**

The Regents BA degree requires students to take a minimum of 39 hours of upper division course work. Upper division courses are those courses typically offered at the junior and senior levels and are usually numbered as 300 or 400 level courses. Students have the flexibility to select courses that best meet their interests and that best fit their schedule.

**Residency**

Twenty-four (24) credit hours must be completed at one of West Virginia’s public institutions in the higher education system. Credit granted through work and/or life experiences is not applicable to the 24 credit hours.

Students must complete a residency requirement of six (6) semester hours at West Liberty University. (Portfolio credit may not be used to meet this requirement)

**Total Hours**

Regents BA students must complete a minimum of **120** hours of credit to be eligible for graduation.

**Grade Point Average**

Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 (on a 4-point scale) to be eligible for graduation.

For questions, evaluations or applications, please contact:

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