



Special Programs

B.A. IN MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

The B.A. degree in Multidisciplinary Studies, which is housed in the College of Liberal Arts, offers undergraduate students an opportunity to develop a knowledge base in two areas of emphasis with a strong core of communication and computer courses. By exposing students to the methodologies and perspectives of more than one discipline, this degree can provide students with the skills to adapt to the needs of a changing world.

General objectives:

- abundant computer work in applications for enhanced computer skills;
- problem-solving skills through the application of logic and reason, leading to more efficient decision-making skills;
- extensive written and oral communication skills through experience in public speaking, writing, research, and listening;
- a sense of cultural heritage through the study of a second language and through multicultural and international courses;
- a general education grounded in the liberal arts and science literacy.

Specific objectives:

- exposure to two different disciplines;
- the opportunity to discover the connections between two disparate disciplines;
- the tools for converting these connected fields into a foundation for employment or graduate/professional studies.

Application Requirements:

To apply for a major in Multidisciplinary Studies you must:

- Complete an application available in the College of Liberal Arts office;
- Have completed at least 26 hours of college coursework which includes English 101 and Math 121 or higher (NOTE: no developmental course credits can be counted);
- Have earned a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.0 in the 26 hours of completed coursework;
- Attach an unofficial transcript to the completed application; submit both to the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Old Main 107.

General Information:

The B.A. in Multidisciplinary Studies requires a minimum of 128 credit hours that include a core of general education courses (68 hours, as detailed below), at least two Areas of Emphasis (21 hours each), and a senior capstone course (3 hours). At least 48 of the 128 hours must be at the 300/400 level.

General Education Core:

- English 101 (required for admission to the program) and 102 (or 302); or English 201H (6 hours)
- Communication Studies 103 or 104H or 305, and 322 (6 hours)
- Foreign Language (12 hours)
- Literature, Classics, Philosophy, Religious Studies (at least two fields) (9 hours)
- Arts Appreciation: select ART 112, THE 112 or MUS 142 (3 hours)
- Social Sciences (at least three fields): Any course in Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology; Geography—any course except GEO 101; Sociology/Anthropology—any course except SOC 108 (12 hours)
- Natural Science: any ISC course plus 4 additional hours (8 hours)
- Math: MTH 121 or higher (required for admission to the program) (3 hours)
- Computer Science (9 hours):
 - A. Select 3 hours: ART 219, CHM 223 or 305, CSD 101, CT 103
 - B. Select 6 hours (may substitute with advisor's approval): ANT 451, ART 453, ATE 425, CD 315, CD 315, CMM 456, CT 250, EG 106, GEO 430, GLY 430, ITL 468, JMC 102, MIS 207, MIS 290, MIS 310, MIS 340, MIS 430, PHY 410, PHY 411, PHY 412, PSY 427

Areas of Emphasis

(All courses must meet the necessary pre- and co-requisites. No course may be used to satisfy the requirements in more than one area of emphasis.)

American Studies
 Appalachian Studies
 Art History
 Business Studies
 Chemistry (should be combined with the Business area of emphasis)
 Child and Family Studies
 Classics
 Communications Disorders
 Environmental Studies
 Fashion and Textile Studies
 Food and Nutrition Studies
 Global Studies
 Latin
 Pedagogical Studies
 Philosophy
 Psychology
 Religious Studies

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Safety Technology
Western Culture Studies
Women's Studies
Create Your Own Major (available for Honors students only with permission of the relevant Department Chairs; minimum and overall and MU GPA of 3.0).

PRELAW EDUCATION

There is no prelaw major at Marshall. The American Bar Association does not recommend a particular major, and there is no specific major which law schools prefer. You should major in something that will help you develop skills which will be valuable to you as a law student and legal practitioner. Political science, business, English, economics, history, criminal justice (legal studies), sociology, and others are acceptable majors. Regardless of the area of concentration, you should choose electives that will facilitate critical understanding of economic, political and social institutions. Since a lawyer must be able to communicate effectively, you should emphasize communicative skills. Also a knowledge of elementary accounting is desirable and highly recommended.

Prospective law school applicants should:

- consult as soon as possible with Dr. Robert W Behrman, Principal University Prelaw Advisor and Professor of Political Science (Smith Hall 780) for further information and advice;
- register for the October (preferably) or the December administration of the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and apply for law school admission during the fall of their senior year in college. (Full LSAT information and registration materials are in the Law School Admission Bulletin, which is available at the Marshall Department of Political Science.)

REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

Marshall University's Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree Program (RBA) is a nontraditional program designed for the adult student. It is different from the usual baccalaureate degree plan in several respects. While the program is designed to ensure the Regents B.A. Degree student a sound educational foundation, rigid specialization requirements are not imposed; instead, with the assistance of an adviser, each applicant creates the course program that best fits individual needs. Students in the program have the opportunity to request college equivalent credit (CEC) for documented college-level learning resulting from work or life experience. All failing grades received four years or more before admission to the program are disregarded in the calculation of the GPA required for admission to the program and graduation. (NOTE: This policy does not pertain to GPA calculated for special academic recognition, such as graduating with honors.)

Admissions Criteria

Students wishing to enter the Regents B.A. Program must first be admitted to Marshall University, and have to meet the same criteria as other applicants. Because the program is designed for adults, however, the following additional regulations apply:

1. Admission is open only to students at least four years out of high school. For those passing a high school equivalency test, admission must be at least four years after their class graduated from high school.

2. Current Marshall students may be admitted to the Regents program with the permission of the Coordinator and the dean or chairman of the program in which they are enrolled. The Regents B.A. Program is not designed as an escape outlet for students excluded from other traditional academic programs for reasons of poor scholarship or who are seeking to avoid program requirements in their current programs.
3. No student may be simultaneously enrolled in the Regents program and another baccalaureate program. A student with an accredited baccalaureate degree will not be admitted to the program.

Graduation Requirements

Total Credit Hours: 128

General Education Hours: 36

Upper Division Hours: 40 (300-400 level courses or equivalent)

Grade Point Average: 2.00

Residence: 24 classroom credit hours earned at any of the schools in West Virginia's public higher education system

Transfer Credits

In transferring credits from accredited institutions of higher learning to the Regents B.A. Degree Program, all passing grades are accepted; however, only 72 credit hours from a community college can be applied toward the degree. Transfer credits can be used to fulfill General Education requirements, the Upper Division Hour requirement, and course prerequisites.

General Education Requirements 36

The student is required to complete the minimum number of credit hours as indicated in each category below:

- I. Communications (6 hours minimum)
 - English 101, 102 or 302, or 201H
 - Communication Studies (CMM) 103, or 305, 207
 - Communication (COM) 221, 231
- II. Humanities (6 hours minimum)
 - Religious Studies - any courses
 - Classical Studies - any courses
 - English - any literature courses
 - Modern Languages - any courses
 - Fine Arts 101
 - Art 112 or any art history or appreciation courses
 - Music 142, 250, or any music history or appreciation courses
 - Philosophy - Any courses except 304
 - Theatre 112
- III. Natural Sciences (6 hours)
 - Chemistry - any courses

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- Physics - any courses
- Geology - any courses
- Geography - 101, 317, 320, 425, 429, 430
- Biological Science - any courses
- IV. Social Sciences (6 hours)
 - Economics - any courses
 - Geography - any courses except those counted above
 - History - any courses
 - Political Science - any courses
 - Psychology - any courses
 - Sociology - any courses
 - Anthropology - any courses
- V. Mathematical Sciences or Computer Applications (3 hours)
 - Computer Science and Software Development (CSD) - any courses
 - Computer Technology (CT) - any courses
 - Mathematics (MTH or MAT) - any course numbered 110 or above
- VI. 9 additional credit hours from any of the General Education categories.

The Regents B.A. office assists program students with all aspects of their college needs: completion of admission documents, program design, course selection and enrollment, assessment for work and life experiences, and other factors.

Prospective students should contact the office for additional information and application materials:

Regents B.A. Degree Program
 Marshall University
 Prichard Hall 218
 Huntington, West Virginia 25755-2050
 or call (304) 696-6400 or 1-800-906-4723
 E-Mail: holbrook@marshall.edu

Women's Studies Minor

The Women's Study Minor consists of 12 credit hours in courses designated as Women's Studies Courses, including regularly offered courses such as Women's Studies 101 and History of Women in the United States, as well as other popular special topic courses such as Geography and Gender, and African American Women's Contributions to West Virginia. The program has the following major objectives:

- to understand the unique contributions of women of all races, sexual orientations, and classes in a global context.
- to complement the existing curriculum where systematic attention to women's experiences and contributions is needed.
- to encourage students to understand the subjective, gender and culture-specific nature of their values, beliefs and customs, and those of others.

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- to understand the historical and contemporary social mechanisms that promote or limit women's development as full participants in society.
- to use gender- and culture-inclusive language in written and oral communication, and understand language as a means of liberation or discrimination.
- to promote the equitable treatment of all members of society.

Women's Studies Courses

Note that all courses below, except WS 101, are approved for certain instructors only. Check with the Director of Women's Studies, CH 456; 696-2441, before registering.

WS 101: Introduction to Women's Studies

ART 204: Iconography of Mary

CJ 483: Rape and Sexual Violence

CL 231: Women in Ancient Literature

CL 460: Ancient Goddesses

EDF 431: Gender and Education

ENG 414: 19th Century British Novel

ENG 422: American Literature, 1830-70

HST 250: Women in US History

JMC 455: Women and Minorities in media

PHL 340: Philosophy of Sexual Orientation and Gender

PHL 363: Philosophy of Feminism

PSY 330: Human Sexual Behavior

SOC 455: Sociology of Sex and Gender