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Section I: Introduction

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General Statement of Policy

Richard Bland College is an equal educational opportunity institution. In keeping with this policy, the College makes no distinction in the admission of students, or in any other of its official activities, on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, political affiliation, handicap, veteran's status, sexual orientation, or other non-merit factors. All standards and policies governing student employment, recruitment, admissions, financial aid and support programs are applied accordingly.

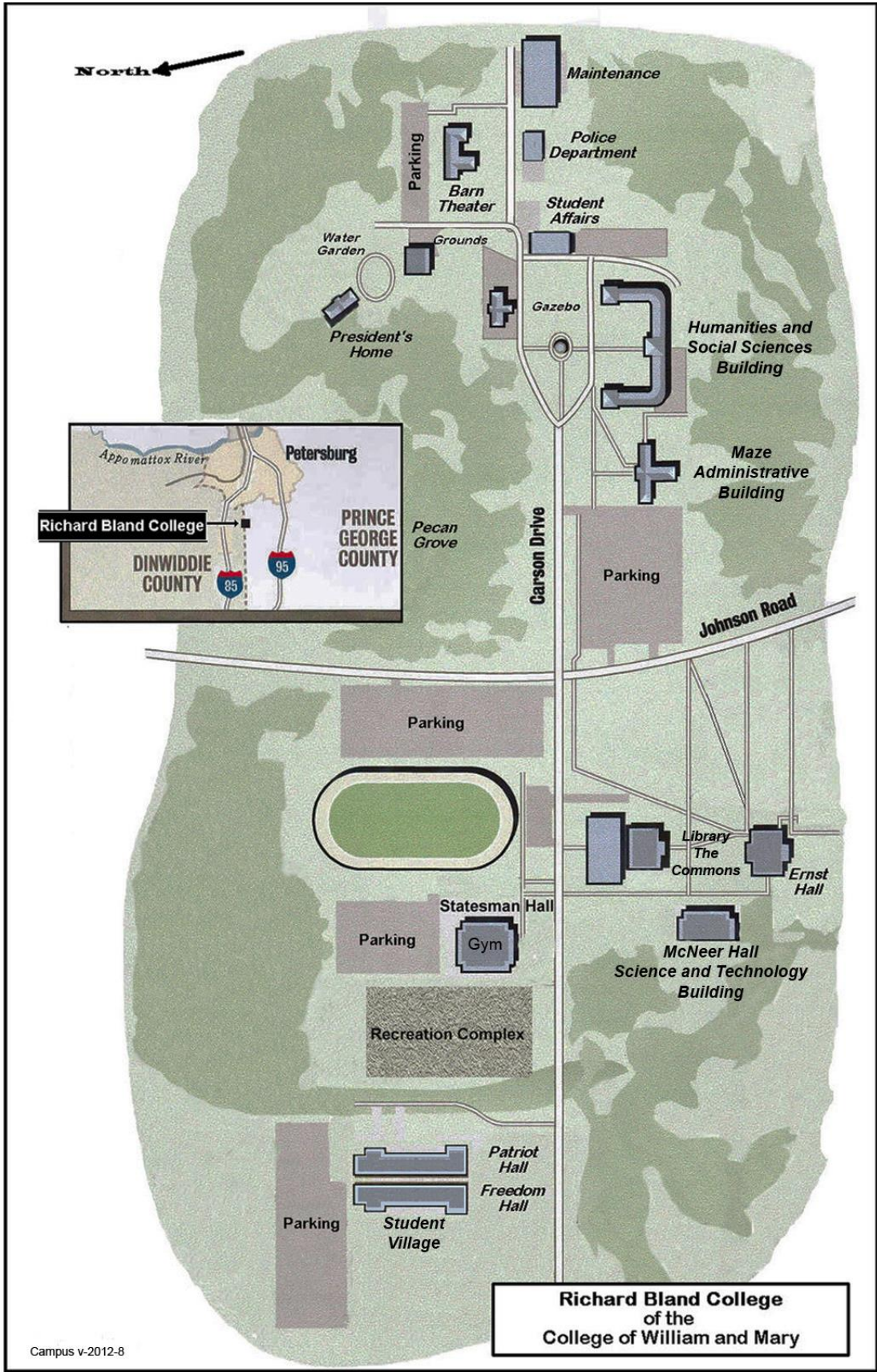
Special Notice to Students

The Richard Bland College Catalog is intended to describe the work of the College and to be a digest of its regulations. Although the courses announced and the regulations given are usually continuous from year to year, none of them is valid beyond the publication of a new Catalog, which will supersede all previous Catalogs.

Ordinarily, students may complete a degree in accordance with the degree requirements in force when they were admitted to the College or in any subsequent Catalog published while they are students. Students who have not been enrolled at Richard Bland College for a period of five years or more must fulfill the degree requirements in effect at the time of their readmission.

Students who plan to complete a baccalaureate degree at a senior college are urged to study carefully the degree requirements of the institutions to which they will apply in order to plan appropriate programs of study at Richard Bland College.

NOTE: This Catalog provides announcements for the 2012-2013 calendar year. Because programs and policies change from time to time, Richard Bland College reserves for itself and departments the right to withdraw or change any requirements or provisions in this catalog at any time.



Directions/Campus Map

(Richard Bland College signs are in place along each route.)

From Interstate Route 95 (North or South – Exit 48B) Onto Wagner Road - West

Upon exiting I-95, travel to the second stoplight and turn right onto Crater Road (US Route 301-North). At the next stoplight, turn left onto Flank Road and travel approximately two miles to the second four-way stop intersection. Turn left onto Johnson Road and travel one mile to the Richard Bland College Campus. The Commons (Library, Cafeteria and Bookstore), Ernst Hall, and Statesman Hall (Gymnasium) are located on the west (right) side of Johnson Road. Maze Hall Administrative Offices, the Humanities and Social Sciences Building, the Barn Theatre, The Center for Student Affairs (Admissions and Financial Aid) and other campus buildings are on the east (left) side of the campus. Visitor and handicap parking spaces are designated in each parking area.

From Interstate Route 85 (North or South – Exit 65) Onto Squirrel Level Road - East

Upon exiting I-85, travel to the stoplight at Defense Road. Continue on Squirrel Level Road (approximately one-quarter mile) and turn left onto Wells Road. Travel on Wells Road approximately one-half mile; turn left (bridge over railroad tracks) onto Halifax Road. Continue on Halifax Road approximately one mile to Carson Road. Travel approximately one mile on Carson Road to Richard Bland College. The Commons (Library, Cafeteria and Bookstore) and Ernst Hall are located on the north (right) side of Carson Road. Statesman Hall (Gymnasium) is on the south (left) side of the campus. Maze Hall Administrative Offices, the Humanities and Social Sciences Building, The Center for Student Affairs (Admissions and Financial Aid), the Barn Theatre and other campus buildings are located across Johnson Road on the east side of the campus. Visitor and handicap Parking spaces are designated in each parking area.

From Interstate Route 295 (North or South – Exit 3B) Onto Route 460 - West

Upon exiting I-295, travel west to the first stoplight and turn left onto Wagner Road. Travel to the third stoplight and turn right onto Crater Road (US Route 301-N). See I-95 above for directions from Crater Road to the campus.

Academic Calendar

The Calendar is subject to change as necessary to fulfill the College's educational objectives. The official schedule can be found on the Course Schedule link on the College's website at www.rbc.edu.

July 2012

Student Orientation - (Fall 2012) - Students should refer to their acceptance letters for assigned orientation date.

July 4 - Independence Day

July 5 - August 5 - Registration for Fall 2012

July 9 - August 3 - Summer - Day Term II

July 16 - July 20 - Summer - Special Term VI (Teacher Recertification)

July 30 - August 3 - Summer - Special Term VII (Teacher Recertification)

August 2012

Student Orientation - (Fall 2012) - Students should refer to their acceptance letters for assigned orientation date.

August 6 - August 7 - No Registration for Fall 2012 classes

August 6 - Tuition due by 5 PM for student registered by August 5

August 8-31 - Late Registration/Class Changes for Fall 2012 (ends @ 5 PM on August 31) Payment (with \$50 Late fee) due the day of registration.

August 8 - Late Registration Fee Begins (\$50)

August 25 - Residence Halls Check-In 9 AM - 5 PM

August 26 - Residence Halls Check-In 9 AM - NOON

August 27 - Classes begin for Fall 2012

September 2012

September 3 - Labor Day

October 2012

October 11-12 - (Thursday and Friday) Fall Recess

October 22 - December 11 - Spring 2013 Registration for currently enrolled students (tuition due Dec. 12 by 5 PM)

October 26 - Last day to drop/audit or withdraw from College w/out academic penalty for Fall 2012

November 2012

November 2 - Deadline to apply for December graduation

November 5 - December 11 - Spring 2013 Registration & Advising for all students (tuition due Dec. 12 by 5 PM)

November 15 – Priority Filing Deadline for ne Financial Aid Applications for the Spring 2013 Term

November 21-25 - Thanksgiving Recess (begins 5 PM on 11/21/12)

November 21 - Residence Halls close @ 7 PM for Thanksgiving Recess

November 25 - Residence Halls open @ Noon

November 26 - Classes resume after Thanksgiving Recess (8 AM)

December 2012

December 7 - Last Class Day (Please add – Last day to Apply for admission/readmission for the Spring Semester)

December 7 – Admission Deadline for Spring 2013 (New Students)

December 10-14 - (*Monday through Friday*) Final Exams

December 12 - Tuition due for Spring 2013 by 5 PM

December 12 - January 2 - No registration for Spring 2013 classes

December 14 - Residence Halls close @ 7 PM for Winter Recess

2013

January 2013

January 11 – Admission Deadline for Spring 2013 (Transfer Students)

January 2-18 - Late Registration for Spring 2013 (payment due the day of registration) (Late Registration Fee (\$50) Begins January 2)

January 13 - Residence Halls Check-In 9 AM - 1 PM

January 13 - New Student Orientation 2 PM - (All new students - please refer to your orientation letter)

January 14 - Classes begin for Spring 2013

January 14 - Late Registration Fee Begins (\$50)

January 18 – Last Day to Add/Drop a Course

February 2013

February 1 - Deadline to apply for Spring & Summer graduation

February 15 - Summer Teacher Recertification Registration Begins

March 2013

March 1 - Summer Registration Begins

March 15 - Residence Halls close @ 7 PM for Spring Recess

March 18-22 - Spring Recess

March 22 - College Closed

March 24 - Residence Halls Open @ Noon

March 25 - Fall 2013 Advising/Registration Begins for students enrolled for Spring 2013

March 28 - Deadline for returning students to pay \$500 housing deposit if they wish to participate in returning students room sign-up process

April 2013

April 1 – Priority Filing Deadline for Financial Aid Applications for the 2013-14 Academic Year

April 5 - Last day to drop/audit or withdraw from college without academic penalty for Spring 2013

April 8 - Fall 2013 Advising/Registration begins for all students

April 26 - Last Class Day

April 29 - May 3 - Exams

May 2013

May 4 - Residence Halls close @ 5 PM for non-graduating students

May 10 - Richard Bland College Commencement

May 11 - Residence Halls close @ 5 PM for all students

May 12 - W&M Commencement

May 12 - Residence Halls Open @ noon for Summer school students

May 13 - May 31 - Intersession

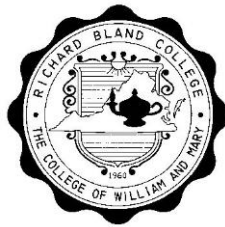
May 27 - Memorial Day

The Richard Bland College Mission

Richard Bland College of The College of William and Mary in Virginia was founded in 1960. It is the Junior College of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The College offers a traditional curriculum in the liberal arts and sciences leading to the associate degree and other programs appropriate to a junior college. The curriculum is intended to allow students to acquire junior status after transferring to a four-year college, or to pursue expanded career opportunities. The College also recognizes its responsibility to serve the public by providing educational and cultural opportunities for the community at large.

Goals of the College

1. Be guided by the Mission Statement in its directions, decisions and activities.
2. Engage in the development and support of dynamic operational and academic policies and practices.
3. Provide and support programs, services, activities, and learning/information resources to promote student learning and development.
4. Provide access to programs and services that promote community enrichment.
5. Integrate long-range planning and continuous improvement in the decision-making and budgetary processes.



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FORMER PRESIDENTS OF THE COLLEGE

Colonel James M. Carson	President	1961-1973
Dr. Cornelis Laban	Acting President	1973-1975
Dr. Clarence Maze, Jr.	President	1975-1996
Dr. James McNeer	President	1996-2012



Section III: General Policies and Procedures

Website (www.rbc.edu)

Announcements/College Closings

The Campus

Website (www.rbc.edu)

The Richard Bland College website provides extensive information on the College, the campus, and academic programs. The College Catalog, student and faculty handbooks, course schedules, and the admission application, are among the publications posted on the College website. Consult the Richard Bland College website for additional information on any topic listed in this Catalog.

Announcements / College Closings

The College recorded message number (804-862-6283) provides information on College Office hours and closings due to inclement weather or other emergencies. The College voice mail system also serves many faculty and staff offices, enabling callers to leave messages should faculty or staff members be unavailable. To leave a message, call the faculty or staff member's regular office telephone number and follow the voice prompts.

The Campus

The Richard Bland College campus consists of over 700 acres located in both Prince George and Dinwiddie Counties and adjacent to the city limits of Petersburg. The rural, park-like campus consists of beautifully landscaped grounds, its famous pecan orchards, attractive academic buildings, and the Maze Hall Administration Building. In addition, the campus also contains the President's Home, a Water Garden, and a number of maintenance facilities.

Barn Theatre - The Barn Theatre is the home of the Richard Bland College Players. The converted dairy barn provides a unique backdrop for the annual series of theatre productions involving RBC students, faculty, staff and community members, and is available as a performance venue to community groups.

The Commons - The Commons houses the Library, Food Services, a Student Lounge, Health Clinic and the Bookstore/Convenience Store.

The Center for Student Affairs – The Center houses offices and services of Admissions, Financial Aid, Student Activities as well as various other student services.

James B. McNeer Hall – Opened in Fall, 2010, it houses Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics classroom, and laboratories. This facility showcases the latest technology available to enhance learning. All faculty offices for the division are located in this building, as well as, a student lounge. Readily identifiable by the eastern glass wall, this building is Richard Bland College's first LEED Gold accredited building and has a living roof on the lower level.

Patriot Hall – On-campus housing for 120 students.

Freedom Hall – On-campus housing for 120 students and the Office of Residence Life.

Humanities and Social Sciences Building - The classrooms and faculty offices of the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences are located in this building that is characterized by its arcade walkway and grassy courtyard. The office of the Division Chair and a Lecture Hall also are located in this building.

Maze Hall - The Administration Building houses the offices of the President, the Director of Institutional Advancement, and the Director of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness. Also located in this white one-story brick building are the Business Office and the Registrar.

Statesman Hall - Statesman Hall houses the gymnasium, locker facilities, a weight training center, an, classrooms for physical education and health courses and physical education/health faculty offices. Information Technology Services is also housed on the second floor.



Section IV: Admissions and Enrollment

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General Information

Richard Bland College is an Equal Opportunity Institution. Insert the College's standard EEO statement here. Application for admission to Richard Bland College of The College of William and Mary is open to qualified persons. The Division of Student Affairs, acting under policies established by the Academic Standards Committee and approved by the Board of Visitors, considers each applicant individually using principles of selection, evidence of good character, and evidence of academic achievement and promise.

The applicant must be a graduate (or the equivalent) of an accredited high school or preparatory school with graduation based on no fewer than twenty-one (21) entrance units. The preferred high school grade point average for all applicants is at least 2.0; an applicant with a high school grade point average of less than 2.0 may be accepted after an interview and evaluation of his/her academic potential by admissions personnel. Along with these considerations, the College desires to incorporate into its community a wide variety of backgrounds, attitudes, and interests to enrich the educational experience of its students. The College has a commitment to recognize and meet the educational needs of all its students.

Admission Requirements

Graduation from an accredited secondary school or the equivalent as shown by examination of the General Education Diploma (GED) is required for admission to Richard Bland College.

Each candidate is considered on the basis of:

1. High school achievement (academic work in grades nine through twelve);
2. Scores on standardized scholastic tests (SAT or ACT); and
3. Participation in extracurricular activities and/or work experience; and
4. The applicants' Student Disciplinary Form and the Counselors' Certification Form (for students who have not attended another college or university prior to applying to RBC) or the Dean's Certification Form (for transfer students).

Recommendations from high school guidance counselors and/or principals will be reviewed if provided, but are not necessary.

Although the College does not specifically prescribe the high school units to be presented, the College prefers that the candidate presents at least the following:

1. four units in English
2. two units in a foreign language (ancient or modern)
3. two units in history
4. three units in mathematics
5. two units in science.

Admission is normally restricted to those students who have achieved a minimum high school grade point average of 2.0. If, in the judgment of the College, a candidate with a grade point average below 2.0 has presented adequate evidence of academic potential, that candidate may be admitted to the College under probationary status and may be required to meet the stipulations of the Limited Course Load policy. Students so admitted will be required to limit their course loads.

College-administered placement tests in Math and English will determine any need for students to enroll in non-credit developmental courses. Students placed in developmental courses must complete them successfully before taking other courses in the same discipline and must comply with the College Limited Load policy. In addition, students should be aware that certain classes require, as pre-requisites, the completion of Math and English courses beyond the developmental level.

Application for Admission

All applicants for admission must submit the Application for Admission. Applications and other supporting documentation are available by accessing the Admissions link on the college website (www.rbc.edu). Although applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year, it is recommended that students apply by July 1 for the Fall Semester and by November 1 for the Spring Semester non-refundable fee is required of all persons making initial application to the College. The application fee is waived for students enrolled in the Off-Campus Dual Enroll-

ment Program.

Transfer Students

Richard Bland College welcomes students who are transferring from another post-secondary institution as degree-seeking students. Transfer students are invited to begin their matriculation during the fall, spring, or summer semesters. A transfer student must:

- Be a graduate of an accredited high school or have earned a GED.
- Possess a high school grade point average of 2.0 or better on a 4.0 scale
- Complete an application for admission by the designated deadlines
- Pay an application fee
- Provide an official high school transcript
- Provide an official copy of **all** college or university transcripts
- Complete the RBC Student Disciplinary History form and the RBC Dean's Certification Form

If a transfer student has not completed one full semester of college work, the student must request a letter of good standing be sent from the previous institution.

Special circumstances may require additional documentation. If a student leaves an institution on academic probation, the student may enroll in a maximum of twelve semester credit hours and will be subject to the same guidelines as students placed on academic probation at Richard Bland College. The list of guidelines accompanies the letter of admission. An applicant under suspension from another college or university will not be eligible for admission until the student has been separated from the college for one semester. Summer sessions do not count as a full semester.

Transfer credits will be awarded for courses completed with grade of C or better for which a matching Richard Bland College course is currently offered. A maximum of 33 transfer credit hours will be accepted toward an Associate Degree at Richard Bland College.

International Students

Richard Bland College welcomes international students to its community of learners. In addition to the regular application for admission, all international applicants must complete an International Student Application and provide all required Immigration and Naturalization Services documentation. For those students whose native language is not English, or if your schooling during the past five years or more has been in a language other than English, the College urges you to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Students taking the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination must have earned a 500 on the written examination, an equivalent score of 173 on the computerized version in order to be considered for admission or a score of 61 on the internet version. Currently, there are no special services available on campus to remediate language deficiencies in the English language.

Home-Schooled Students

Richard Bland College welcomes students who have been home-schooled. It is recommended that a home-schooled student contact the Assistant Provost for Student Affairs for an interview. Home-schooled students must provide a transcript of all coursework completed. In addition, a home-schooled student must take the General Education Diploma (GED) examination or the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT). If the student successfully passes the GED, the student is eligible for admission to the College. If the student elects to take the SAT, the student must earn a total score equal to or greater than the mean score for current Richard Bland College students as established by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness. A home-schooled student who desires to pursue a degree at Richard Bland College should be at least seventeen years of age prior to registration.

Programs for High School Students

On-Campus High School College Program—High school students who have completed a junior year with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 may apply for admission to the High School College Program for High School Students. In this program, high school students enroll in college courses on the Richard Bland College campus while earning high school and college credit. Students may elect to attend on a part-time or a full-time basis. They may

enroll for the fall or spring semester or during any summer session.

The purposes of this program are:

1. to allow exceptional students accelerated entry into the college curriculum;
2. to encourage academically capable students to strive for challenges and the maximum use of their abilities;
3. to bridge the gap between high school and college and to permit the college-bound student the experience of functioning in the college setting prior to graduating from high school;
4. to provide courses not normally available in the curriculum of area high schools; and
5. to provide opportunities for qualified high school students to earn dual-credit in certain approved subject areas.

Students who are interested in this program should contact their high-school guidance counselor. If the student has a grade point average of 3.0 and is recommended by the guidance counselor, the student completes the High School College Program Application, pays the application fee, and requests that an official high school transcript be forwarded to the Division of Student Affairs where eligibility to enroll in the program is determined. If the student is eligible, the Assistant Provost for Student Affairs works with the student to select appropriate course work that will meet high-school graduation requirements and further the student's interests through advanced course work. Questions about the High School College Program should be directed to the Division of Student Affairs.

Off-Campus Dual-Enrollment Program– Richard Bland College offers a number of dual-enrollment classes for qualified high school juniors and seniors at several area high schools. Interested students should contact their guidance counselors to determine if courses are available at their respective schools.

Credits for courses successfully completed may be used toward a degree at Richard Bland College or may be transferred to another college or university. Credits earned under this program will be officially recorded upon receipt of the certification of high school graduation. Students who plan to enter another institution after graduating from high school are advised to check with that institution concerning transfer of credits earned through the dual-enrollment program. Questions about this program should be directed to the Office of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness.

Middle College Program

The Middle College Program is a partnership between RBC and Petersburg City Public Schools, and is located on RBC campus. The Program includes up to 50 juniors and seniors from Petersburg High School. This allows students an opportunity to complete requirements for high school graduation while earning college credits concurrently, also known as Dual Enrollment Credits. Students will complete their high school career at the campus of Richard Bland College. For more information, please contact Petersburg High School's Guidance Office at 804-861-4884 or The Center for Student Affairs at 804-862-6225.

Readmission

A student who does not register for one or more semesters, but is eligible to return to the College, must submit an application to the Division of Student Affairs to be readmitted to the College.

Students who are under suspension from this or any other college are not permitted to enroll in any program of the College for one full semester following suspension. (Summer sessions do not count as a full semester.) Credits earned while under suspension from another institution will not be transferable. A student under suspension must apply to the Office of Student Affairs for readmission. A student who has been suspended for a second time from Richard Bland College or from any other institution of higher education may not be considered for readmission/admission.

Admission Tests

Applicants for admission to the freshman class are requested to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Entrance Examination Board or the American College Test (ACT) of the American College Testing Program. Test scores should be sent directly to the College. Students who have not taken either of these tests may be admitted to Richard Bland College; however, it is to the student's advantage to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) during their first semester. Information on these tests is available from the Division of Student Affairs.

Placement Tests

Placement tests are given to all incoming students — freshmen, transfers, and readmits — who have not completed college-level course work in English and/or mathematics. On-campus students who are placed in developmental English and/or mathematics are required to enroll in such course(s) during the first semester of enrollment. They must continue to enroll in the course(s) until a grade of “C” or better is received.

Placement tests serve four very important functions. They

1. provide the College with data useful in counseling;
2. enable the College to discover any weaknesses in reading, writing, and mathematics;
3. assist in the placement of students into courses designed to help develop skills essential to academic success; and
4. provide data required by the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV).

Placement in modern languages by years of high school study:

1. with one year of high school study, enroll in 101 or 102, or take placement exam;
2. with two years, enroll in 201 or take placement exam;
3. three years, no credit given for 101 or 102, enroll in 201;
4. four years, no credit given for 101-202, students may enroll in upper-intermediate courses.

Advanced Placement (AP) / International Baccalaureate (IB)

Richard Bland College recognizes the Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Tests of the College Entrance Examination Board as legitimate means of acquiring college credit for qualified students who have completed college-level courses while enrolled in an accredited secondary school. It is the responsibility of the student to see that official transcripts from the Advanced Placement Program of the College Board are furnished to the Registrar to be evaluated by the appropriate academic officer. Credit will be awarded on the basis of recommendations suggested by the American Council on Education (ACE) and approved by the faculty of Richard Bland College. These hours are not used, however, in the computation of the student's Richard Bland College grade point average.

Richard Bland College will allow credit for scores on the AP subject examinations as follows:

EXAMINATION TITLE	SCORE	RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE EQUIVALENT	HOURS AWARDED
Art History	3	Art 201	3
	4 or 5	Art 201/202	6
Biology	4	BIO 101/101L	4
	5	BIO 101/102 & 101L/102L	8
Calculus AB	4 or 5	MATH 201	4
Calculus BC	3	MATH 201	4
	4 or 5	MATH 201/202	8
Chemistry	4	CHEM 101/101L	4
	5	CHEM 101/102 & 101L/102L	8
Computer Science A	4	CSCI 211	3
	5	CSCI 211/212	6
Computer Science AB	4	CSCI 211	3
	5	CSCI 211/212	6
Economics: Macro	4 or 5	ECON 201 (Macro)	3
Economics: Micro	4 or 5	ECON 202 (Micro)	3
English Language & Composition	4 or 5	ENGL 101	3
English Language & Composition	4 or 5	ENGL 101	3
European History	5	HIST 101/102	6
U.S. History	5	HIST 201/202	6
French Language	3,4, or 5	FREN 201/202	6
Human Geography	3,4, or 5	GEO 103	3
Government & Politics: Comparative	4 or 5	GOVT 203	3
Government & Politics: United States	4 or 5	GOVT 201	3
Physics B	4 or 5	PHYS 101/102	8
Physics C: Mechanics	5	PHYS 201	5
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	5	PHYS 202	5

Psychology	5	PSYCH 201/202	6
Spanish Language	3,4, or 5	SPAN 201/202	6
Statistics	4 or 5	MATH 217	3

International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level Exam

Richard Bland College will allow credit for scores on the IB subject examinations as follows:

EXAMINATION TITLE	SCORE	RICHARD COLLEGE EQUIVALENT	HOURS AWARDED
Biology	5 or 6	BIO 101/101L	4
	7	BIO 101/102 & 101L/102L	8
Chemistry	5	CHEM 101/101L	4
	6 or 7	CHEM 101/102 & 101L/102L	8
Computing Studies	5	CSCI 211	3
	6 or 7	CSCI 211/212	6
Economics	5,6, or 7	ECON 201/202	6
English	6 or 7	ENGL 101	3
World History	6 or 7	HIST 101/102	6
History Americas	6 or 7	HIST 201/202	6
History Europe	6 or 7	HIST 101/102	6
Mathematics	5	MATH 201	4
	6 or 7	MATH 201/202	8
French	5,6, or 7	FREN 201/202	6
Spanish	5,6, or 7	SPAN 201/202	6
Human Geography	4,5,6, or 7	GEO 103	3
Philosophy	5,6,7	PHIL 101	3
Physics	6 or 7	PHYS 101/102	8
Psychology	6 or 7	PSYCH 201/202	6

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Richard Bland College awards college credit to students who score satisfactorily on the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). The maximum number of semester credits awarded to a student for CLEP General Examinations and/or Subject Examinations is thirty. These hours are not used in the computation of the student's Richard Bland College grade point average. Generally a student may not attempt credit by examination for a course in which a failing grade was received, or for a basic course in an area in which acceptable college credits have been earned at a more advanced level. Credits awarded will not exceed those awarded by CLEP; for example, French Language, Level 1 will be awarded six credits for French 101-102 instead of eight credits that would be earned if the student completed the courses at Richard Bland College.

Students seeking locations for taking CLEP tests may contact the Richard Bland College Registrar's Office at 804-862-6185.

It is the responsibility of the student to request official transcripts from the College Level Examination Program be sent to the Registrar's Office at Richard Bland College to be evaluated by the appropriate academic officer.

Richard Bland College will allow credit for scores on the CLEP subject examinations as follows:

EXAMINATION TITLE	MIN SCORE	RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE EQUIVALENT	HOURS AWARDED
Biology	50	BIO 101-102 (Lecture only)	6
Accounting, Principles of	50	BUS 201-202	6
Microeconomics, Principles of	50	ECON 202	3
Freshman College Composition w/essay	60	ENGL 101-102	6
English Literature	50	ENGL 203	3
American Literature	50	ENGL 205	3
French Language, Level 1	50	FREN 101-102	6
French Language, Level 2	62	FREN 201-202	12
German Language, Level 1	50	GERM 101-102	6
German Language, Level 2	63	GERM 201-202	12
American Government	50	GOVT 201	3
History of the U. S. I: Early Colonization to 1877	50	HIST 201	3
History of the U. S II: 1865 to Present	50	HIST 202	3
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	50	HIST 101	3
Western Civilization II: 1648 to present	50	HIST 102	3
College Algebra	50	MATH 101	3
Pre-calculus	50	MATH 117	3
Psychology, Introductory	50	PSY 201 or PSY 210	3
Human Growth and Development	50	PSY 250	3
Sociology, Introductory	50	SOC 201	3
Spanish Language, Level 1	50	SPAN 101-102	6
Spanish Language, Level 2	66	SPAN 201-202	12

Service Members' Opportunity Colleges – SOC

Richard Bland College is a member of the Service Members' Opportunity Colleges (SOC), a consortium of over 1,500 colleges and universities that provide college-level educational opportunities for Service members and their families. As a SOC member, Richard Bland College recognizes the GED high school equivalency certificate/diploma; recognizes learning gained from specialized training and experiences in the military services; establishes competency by nationally recognized means; such as standardized tests; maintains a flexible transfer of credit policy for the mobile, active-duty service member; publicizes alternative admissions procedures available to service members and waives formal admission procedures for those seeking enrollment in course work for transfer to another institution; conducts a timely evaluation of the educational records and relevant experiences of service members; and completes a student agreement or degree completion plan for all degree-seeking service members.

Alternative Educational Opportunities

To serve better the citizens of the Commonwealth, Richard Bland College offers a number of alternative educational opportunities as outlined in the following paragraphs. Students may work with a faculty member through Independent Study or Directed Study. Evening courses are offered during the fall and spring semesters as well as during the summer for those who are unable to participate in the traditional academic schedule. Teacher recertification courses are offered on a regular basis. The College has contractual agreements with the Southside Regional Medical Center Schools of Nursing and Radiation Sciences, and several area high schools to provide academic classes. In addition, special on-campus programs are available to advanced high school students, members of the armed forces, and senior citizens. Richard Bland College awards college credit to students who score satisfactorily on the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and also recognizes the Advanced Placement (AP) Tests for college-level courses completed while enrolled in an accredited secondary school.

Directed Study

This opportunity for non-classroom teaching and learning follows the syllabus in all respects except for class attendance. Offered only under exceptional circumstances, this option requires approval by and participation of a Richard Bland College faculty member as well as approval of the appropriate Division Chair and the Director of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness. Grading follows the traditional system.

Independent Study

This opportunity for non-classroom teaching and learning is initiated by the student who desires an in depth study of a topic not found in the curriculum. The content and learning objectives are suggested by the student and approved by a faculty mentor and by the Director of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness. No more than three credit hours may be earned through this option. Grading may be either pass/fail or traditional.

Evening College

Evening courses have the same credit status as day courses. A schedule of evening offerings is available from the Office of the Registrar by calling 804-862-6185, or by accessing the College web-site. (www.rbc.edu)

Summer Sessions

The purpose of the summer session is to provide the opportunity for college students and other adults to further their educational programs during the summer and to enable high school graduates to begin college work prior to the fall semester. Richard Bland College offers a variety of courses during the months between the end of the Spring semester and the beginning of the Fall Semester.

Students who have completed their junior year in high school and meet specific criteria, high school graduates, and students from other colleges and universities who are eligible to return to the institution they last attended may be considered for enrollment in the Richard Bland College summer session as non-degree-seeking students.

There are numerous course offerings available during the day and evening for students who desire to accelerate their program or to make up academic deficiencies. A student may enroll in up to fifteen credit hours during the summer.

A schedule of summer offerings is available from the Office of the Registrar or by accessing the College website at www.rbc.edu.

Teacher Recertification

Specialized courses designed for teacher recertification are regularly offered. Teachers may enroll in these courses and earn up to three credits for each course. These courses are restricted to public or private school teachers. A schedule of teacher recertification offerings is available from the Office of the Registrar.

Pre-teacher Education

Students considering a career in teaching at the elementary, middle, or high-school level are urged to meet with the Director of Admissions and Transfer Services upon admission. Students are also encouraged to join the Future Educators Club on campus and to visit the Virginia Department of Education's site for general information at <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/index.shtml>. Information regarding Teacher Licensure in the Commonwealth can be found at <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/index.shtml>.

The guaranteed program articulation in Education with The College of William and Mary creates opportunities for students to enroll in Richard Bland courses which may be applied to the non-professional subject majors required of each William and Mary candidate for teacher recertification at either the elementary or secondary level. Richard Bland students are able to transfer with junior status. All professional education courses will be taken at William and Mary.

Through Longwood University students can enroll in Education 200 – Introduction to the Teaching Profession, to learn more about what is involved in preparing for and becoming a classroom teacher. RBC and Longwood have developed a recommended program of study so that students pursuing an associate degree at Richard Bland will be able to transfer with junior standing when they transfer to Longwood. Volunteer opportunities for tutoring and classroom assistance are also available.

Reserved Officers' Training Corps – ROTC Cross Enrollment Agreement with Virginia State University

The Reserved Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Program consists of the basic course and the advanced course. The basic course is normally pursued during the freshman and sophomore years. The advanced course is pursued during the junior and senior years. Each advanced-course student is entitled to a monthly allowance for up to 10 months per year. Each advanced-course student is required to attend a six-week ROTC summer camp at the completion of his/her junior year. Successful completion of the ROTC program qualifies the student for appointment as a second lieutenant in the Army, Army Reserves, or Army National Guard. For more information you may call (804) 524-5537.

Students with previous military experience may be given credit for certain military science prerequisites. No more than four (4) military science credits may be applied toward an Associate Degree.

Opportunities for Senior Citizens

A senior citizen who is age 60 or older and a resident of Virginia is offered special opportunities at Richard Bland College. In accordance with guidelines outlined in the Code of Virginia, §23-38.56, a senior citizen may be permitted:

- (1) To register for and enroll in courses as a full-time or part-time student for academic credit and pay no tuition if such senior citizen either had a taxable individual income not exceeding \$15,000 for Virginia income tax purposes or qualified for property tax relief pursuant to the code of Virginia § 58.1-3210, for the year preceding the year in which enrollment is sought.
- (2) To register for and enroll in courses for audit and pay no tuition, regardless of income.

Such senior citizens shall pay no tuition or fees except fees established for the purpose of paying for course materials, such as laboratory fees. They will be subject to the admission requirements of the College. Tuition-paying students are accommodated in courses before senior citizens participating in this program are enrolled; however, the College may make individual exceptions to these procedures when the senior citizen has completed 75 percent of the requirements for a degree.

Senior citizens whose annual income exceeds \$15,000 for Virginia income tax purposes, who wish to register and enroll in courses for academic credit, will be required to pay the prevailing tuition and fees.



Section V: Financial Services

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Tuition and General Fees

Tuition and general fees represent payment toward the general maintenance and operating costs of the College. Part-time students are charged per semester credit hour. A student enrolled in 12 or more semester credits is considered a full-time student for tuition purposes. Non-credit developmental courses are considered part of the course load in determining full-time status. Current tuition rates, housing costs, and fees may be obtained on the College website at www.rbc.edu or by calling the College Business Office.

Payment of Accounts

Tuition and fees are payable in full in advance of each semester. Payments must be received by the Business Office before students will be allowed to complete registration. The College accepts cash, checks, VISA and MasterCard.

When a check is returned by the bank for any reason, the student's previous academic record will be encumbered, and the student will not be permitted to complete registration until tuition, fees and service charges are paid in full.

Classification as a Virginia Resident

In-State Tuition Eligibility

Copies of Section 23-7.4 of the *Code of Virginia* are available in the College Library.

Section 23-7.4 of the *Code of Virginia* provides that *"no person in attendance at a State institution of higher education shall be entitled to reduced tuition charges, unless such person is and has been domiciled in Virginia for a period of at least one year immediately prior to the commencement of the term, semester or quarter for which any such reduced tuition charge is sought."*

Evidence of intent to establish Virginia domicile may include, but is not limited to, voting registration, actual voting, payment of state taxes, permanent residence, membership in organizations, employment, auto registration, and driver's license.

The tuition rate for spouses and dependents of active military personnel will be in accordance with applicable state laws and statutes.

In order to meet requirements of the code provisions related to residence classification of students at Richard Bland College for tuition purposes, the following procedures must be followed:

1. The Division of Student Affairs shall make initial determination of residence at the time of admission based on completion of the Virginia In-State Tuition Form. Additional documentation may be required. Students not providing the necessary information shall be classified as a non-resident.
2. An applicant who disagrees with the initial classification shall have the right to appeal to the Director of Student Enrollment Management. This appeal must be in writing and the Director of Student Enrollment Management shall respond in writing within five working days of the receipt of the appeal.
3. If the applicant disagrees with the decision of the Director of Student Enrollment Management, the Director of Student Enrollment Management will contact the designated official with the State Attorney General's Office. The decision rendered by the State Attorney General's Office cannot be appealed to College officials.

Any party aggrieved by a final administrative decision shall have the right to review in Circuit Court. A petition for review of the final administrative decision shall be filed within thirty days of receiving the written decision.

Late Registration Fee

A \$50.00 fee is charged to any student who completes registration after the indicated deadline.

Physical Education Fees

Where applicable, additional fees are payable to the off-campus facility where physical education courses in specialized or individual activities are conducted.

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 requires all higher education institutions to annually report to the Internal Revenue Service the following information for each student:

1. Student name
2. Student address
3. Social Security Number of the taxpayer who will claim the deduction on a federal income tax return
4. The amount of tuition billed, scholarships and grants, and any adjustments made during the calendar year.

For each session enrolled, the student will be mailed a Form 1098-T on which to report the required information.



Section VI: Student Services

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The College Community

More than lecture halls, more than experiments in the laboratory or the giving of examinations, education is a matter of people. It is the people at Richard Bland College who give the campus its character.

Students at the College come from across Virginia, the country and the world. With the recent addition of residence halls (Patriot and Freedom Halls), RBC has become the only residential two-year institution in the Commonwealth, combining the rich heritage of our traditional commuter region with broader perspectives from beyond brings a diverse population even as our small size helps ensure a friendly and supportive college community.

The faculty provides students not only intellectual stimulation but also broad opportunities for cultural enrichment. While their educational preparation and experiences are diverse, the Richard Bland College faculty shares a dedication to teaching and a desire to help each student reach individual potential.

Campus life is designed to stimulate the development of students in accordance with their potential. Through participation in the Student Assembly, and various organizations and campus activities, the administration, faculty, staff and students work together to produce an environment, which provides many opportunities for growth.

Residence Halls

The Student Village at Richard Bland College currently consists of Freedom and Patriot Halls, which house a maximum of 251 students between the two buildings. A variety of apartment sizes: one-bedroom, two-bedroom, three-bedroom, and four-bedroom are available. The Office of Residence Life, which is located in Freedom 104, is responsible for the oversight of the housing program, including room assignments and changes, programming opportunities in the residence halls, leadership development, conflict mediation, and administration of the judicial process for policy violations occurring in the residence halls. Residence life policies and procedures can be found in detail in the Richard Bland College Student Handbook.

Public Performance Policy

No person or group of persons associated with Richard Bland College shall give a public performance in the name of the College unless prior to the first rehearsal the said person or group of persons shall have obtained from the Director of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness permission to present the entertainment. In order to secure permission, those in charge of the performance must make written application.

Academic Advising

A program of academic advising is overseen by the Director of Student Enrollment Management and involves staff advisors and designated members of the faculty. The purpose of this program is to provide assistance in creating an academically sound plan of study that will lead to graduation from RBC and allow for a successful transition and transfer of credits into a senior institution. Further information regarding these services is available in the Advising Center.

Students Requiring Special Accommodations (ADA)

Richard Bland College does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the administration of its educational programs and activities, including admissions and employment practices, access to, or treatment in its programs and services. The Director of Student Retention and Campus Life has been designated to coordinate compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) contained in Section 35.107 of the Department of Justice Regulations. A Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) is available by calling 711-VaRelay/ (804) 863-1615.

Students in need of accommodations must follow the procedures listed below:

- Make an appointment with the Director of Student Retention and Campus Life at least one month prior to the beginning of the semester in which the student plans to enroll.
- Provide documentation from the attending physician of learning, physical, or psychological disabilities as evidence of the need for the requested accommodations.
- Provide documentation of how accommodations have been made during high school years or at other colleges/universities.
- Provide documentation of any achievement, educational, or psychological testing that the College personnel feel is

relevant to the decision on special accommodations.

Any information that is provided by the student, high school, or college/university becomes the property of Richard Bland College and will be kept strictly confidential.

The Director of Student Retention and Campus Life, in consultation with the student (and parent/guardian if desired), will make the decisions regarding accommodations. It is the responsibility of the Director to communicate directly with the faculty members or other school officials as needed to ensure that proper accommodations are made. If accommodations are not made within a reasonable time, the student should notify the Director.



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Classification of Students

Richard Bland College classifies students as Traditional Degree-Seeking or Non-Degree. All students are subject to the general academic policies of the College as presented in this Catalog.

Academic Honors

Richard Bland College recognizes outstanding achievement among its students. For academic honors, non-credit developmental courses are not included in determining full-time status or grade point average.

President's List. A full-time student who in any Fall or Spring semester earns a grade point average of at least 3.8 with no grade below a "C" will be placed on the President's List. This recognition is noted on the student's academic transcript.

Dean's List. A full-time student who in any Fall or Spring semester earns a grade point average of at least 3.25 with no grade below a "C" will be placed on the Dean's List. This recognition is noted on the student's academic transcript.

Phi Theta Kappa. This organization is the international honor society for the two-year college. A student who has completed twelve (12) semester hours (not including developmental courses) at Richard Bland College and achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.50 is eligible for membership. Richard Bland College's chapter, Alpha Beta Omicron, was chartered in 1971 and is active in both college and community service.

Graduation Honors. Recognition is given at Commencement to students who have excelled in academic work. The minimum cumulative grade point averages required for graduation honors are:

Cum Laude 3.25 GPA

Magna Cum Laude 3.50 GPA

Summa Cum Laude 3.80 GPA

Academic Status

Richard Bland College has three levels of academic status for its students: Good Standing, Academic Probation, and Academic Suspension. In order to continue in college, a student should normally maintain at least a 2.00 grade point average on all work attempted. If the grade point average is deficient, the student should be able to remove the deficiency within two semesters of full-time study in order to achieve the minimum 2.00 grade point average required for graduation.

Academic Status - Good Standing

To continue in Good Standing, a student must meet or exceed the following minimum academic requirements:

1. At the end of the first semester (9-11 semester hours minimum not including developmental hours), the student must have attained a grade point average of .50;
2. At the end of the first semester (12 semester hours minimum not including developmental hours), the student must have attained a grade point average of 1.50;
3. At the end of the second semester (24 semester hours minimum not including developmental hours), the student must have attained a cumulative grade point average of 1.75;
4. At the completion of 45 semester hours (not including developmental hours), the student must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.00.

Academic Probation

A student who has not met the minimum academic requirements in the preceding semester to maintain Good Standing will be placed on Academic Probation. The student will be notified of this action by a letter from the Registrar. A student on Academic Probation must meet the following conditions during the probation semester.

1. The student's academic load may not exceed thirteen semester hours.
2. The student must earn at least a 2.00 grade point average for the semester while on academic probation, or meet the requirements of Good Standing.

A student in violation of either of these two conditions will be subject to academic suspension from the College. At the end of the probation semester (or completion of 12 academic hours), the student may be:

1. returned to Good Standing if the student has met the conditions of the probation semester and earned sufficient quality points;
2. continued on Academic Probation if the student has met the conditions of the probation semester, but has not earned sufficient quality points to regain Good Standing. In such case, the student will be allowed to continue in college, but only on continued Academic Probation. If Good Standing is not regained at the end of the second semester of Academic Probation, the student will be placed on Academic Suspension; or
3. placed on Academic Suspension if the student has not met the conditions of the first probation semester. (See Academic Suspension)

The student will be notified of such status by a letter from the Registrar.

A student admitted to Richard Bland College under Academic Probation from another college or university is subject to the same requirements as continuing Richard Bland College students under Academic Probation.

Academic Suspension

A student placed on Academic Suspension is required to withdraw from the College for a minimum period of one semester. A student will be placed directly on Academic Suspension at the end of nine (9) hours attempted if the cumulative grade point average is below 0.50. Students placed on Academic Probation may be subject to Academic Suspension after one semester if the grade point average is not appropriate for the total number of credit hours attempted (See Academic Status - Good Standing). A student will be notified of Academic Suspension by a letter from the Registrar.

A student who is on Academic Suspension from RBC or any other college is not permitted to enroll in any program of the College for one full semester after suspension. If a student on Academic Suspension wishes to return to Richard Bland College, an application for readmission must be completed in the Admission Office in the Center for Student Affairs. Academic status (Good Standing or Academic Probation) will be determined at the time the student is re-admitted. A student who has been suspended for a second time from Richard Bland College or from any other institution of higher education may not be considered for readmission/admission.

If a Richard Bland College student is suspended at the end of the spring semester and is pre-registered for a course during the Intersession (short term immediately following the Spring semester) the student will be permitted to complete that term and will receive credit for the course(s). However, the student will not be permitted to enroll in additional classes until the upcoming Spring semester. Pre-registration for any other Summer term following the Spring suspension will be terminated and tuition refunds will be issued. Credits earned while under suspension from this or any other college will not be accepted by Richard Bland College.

Academic Amnesty

Although all credits and grades earned at Richard Bland College are a part of the permanent record, a student may petition through the Office of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness for forgiveness of part or all of the academic record. This amnesty policy is a privilege extended to students who began their academic careers at Richard Bland College, or at any other college, and for whatever reasons experienced academic difficulty. Academic amnesty may be granted to students who have had at least a five-year interruption in college education, and upon re-enrollment in Richard Bland College, have established a satisfactory record. To be forgiven those courses in which a "D" or "F" was earned at Richard Bland College, the student must first complete an equivalent of twelve (12) semester credits and then petition the Director of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness in writing. The Director of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness will determine if there is sufficient evidence to consider that the student is better able to succeed academically. After being granted amnesty, the student will retain credit and quality points for courses taken at Richard Bland College in which at least a "C" is earned. Courses for which academic amnesty have been granted will indicate "Amnesty" on the student's transcript. The cumulative grade point average will not include the hours

attempted and quality points earned (if any) for those courses. Eligibility for academic honors, however, is determined on the basis of the student's entire academic record. If the student is a previous recipient of federal financial aid and is determined to be ineligible for financial aid because of not meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress guidelines as mandated by the federal government, the ability to receive financial assistance may not be granted until the student has completed a semester and has satisfactory grades meeting the requirements.

Challenging Academic Records

All course grades and changes in academic status become part of the student's permanent record. If a student wishes to challenge a change in status to Academic Probation or to Academic Suspension, the student may petition for a hearing before the Academic Standards Committee. Such a petition should be forwarded in writing through the Registrar to the Committee. It may be that sufficient personal circumstances exist, not reflected in the mathematically derived grade point average, to warrant the Committee's waiving certain academic requirements in a given case or recalculating the student's grade point average. The Academic Standards Committee will hear the student and any concerned faculty member in order to reach its decision. The recommendation of the Committee will be reported to the Director of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness, who will make the final decision and notify the student. The Committee is not authorized to change a grade.

Academic Assessment

Academic programs and support services are evaluated to assure their quality. Evaluation and assessment activities are housed with the Office of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness.

Occasionally, students are surveyed to obtain information on their satisfaction with faculty and staff. Faculty members are evaluated on teaching methodologies and effectiveness each semester. Students are surveyed upon graduation to measure their satisfaction with the College. The results of this process are used internally and are reported to the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools periodically. All data collected for assessment is held under strict confidence and is never used to evaluate or identify individual student performance.

Audit/Credit Status

A student may register for a course on an "audit" status. Audit students are charged the regular rate of tuition and fees, and an audit class is counted as part of the student's semester course load. However, a student registered on audit status is not required to take tests or final examinations. Failure to attend classes regularly may jeopardize audit status. A student enrolled on audit status is not given a final grade, but the permanent record is marked (O) to indicate Audit. Audit is recorded without certification of class attendance or course accomplishment.

A change in registration from Credit to Audit or Audit to Credit must be completed by the end of the first week of classes for fall and spring semesters and prior to the first class meeting for summer terms. (See the Academic Calendar for the pertinent dates.) In each case, the student must complete the appropriate form at the Registrar's Office.

Credit cannot be given for a course taken on audit status beyond the Class Change period or after the course has been completed. However, a student who has audited a course may later enroll in the same course on a credit status.

It is the responsibility of each student to determine the effect of auditing a class on financial aid, insurance policies, and participating in clubs and organizations.

Traditional Student

1. Freshman – The student who has completed fewer than 24 semester hour credits or has earned fewer than 48 quality points.
2. Sophomore – The student who has completed at least 24 semester hour credits and has earned at least 48 quality points.

Non-Degree Student

Students enrolled as non-degree may take no more than nine (9) hours of coursework per semester for a maximum of 18 hours, after which they must seek admission as traditional degree-seeking students. Students enrolled under the non-degree category are not eligible for financial aid. Students must complete all required forms, pay the standard one-time application fee, and all applicable tuition and fees. Students enrolled in teacher recertification courses must provide proof of employment to the Registrar. Continued enrollment as a non-degree student is contingent upon

satisfactory academic status.

Students in the category are identified as:

- Students who, at the time they enroll, do not wish to pursue a degree program but do wish to receive credit for coursework taken on campus, off campus, or during summer sessions;
- or students enrolled in teacher recertification courses, courses required for employment, or for personal enrichment.

Students falling under this definition must meet the following requirements:

1. Students must be at least 17 years of age.
2. Students must have a valid high school diploma or GED.

Graduation Application

Students must complete the Application for Candidacy for Degree, available in the Registrar's Office, by the first week in February for May graduation, mid-July for August graduation, and mid-November for December graduation. (See the College Calendar for specific filing deadlines.)

Students who will be candidates for degrees are encouraged to check with the Registrar or their advisors regarding academic standing prior to the deadline for filing for degree. Candidates for December and May degrees are expected to participate in commencement exercises in May. Candidates for degrees in August may participate in May commencement exercises if they file by mid-February, have a 2.00 overall cumulative grade point average at the time of filing, and have completed all degree requirements by the end of the Summer Session and have registered for the required summer courses prior to the May Commencement. Candidates may not exceed 12 credit hours to complete the Associate degree during the summer. Students who file for August graduation and do not have a 2.00 overall cumulative grade point average at the end of the spring semester are not permitted to participate in Commencement.

The diploma will not be released if a student has an outstanding debt to the College.

Second Associate Degree

Richard Bland College does not confer two degrees concurrently. A student who has already received an Associate Degree may earn a second but different Associate Degree by meeting the following requirements:

- Completing a minimum of 15 semester hours of additional course work during the semester in which the requirements for the second Associate Degree are met at Richard Bland College after the date on which the first degree was earned;
- Meeting all prerequisite and course requirements for the first Associate Degree, as well as degree requirements for the second degree; and,
- Earning a grade point average of 2.0 or higher in course work completed for the first and second Associate Degree.

Examinations

All non-activity courses will have scheduled final examinations. Unless otherwise announced by the instructor, the examination will take place in the same classroom in which the course has been held. Students are required to take all examinations at the time scheduled. No changes will be permitted except when

1. two or more examinations are scheduled at the same hour; or,
2. a student has three or more consecutive examinations. (In this case, the student must take all examinations during examination week.)

Written request to reschedule examinations must be submitted to the instructor for approval. An excuse for missing an examination for illness will not be accepted without a physician's note and notification in advance whenever possible. No student will be allowed more than three hours for an examination, unless a documented ADA accommodation is involved.

Grade Appeals

In matters involving grade appeals, the student should consult with the faculty member who issued the final grade for the course. If the student still believes a grade has been assigned unfairly, the student may appeal to the division chair and further to the Director of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness. If the issue cannot be resolved at any of these levels, the student has the right to appeal formally to the Academic Standards Committee. This written appeal must be submitted within ninety days of issuance of the student's final grade. A form for facilitating the appeal process is available in the Office of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness.

It shall be the responsibility of the Academic Standards Committee to hear the student's appeal and to interview anyone the student chooses to speak on his/her behalf. The faculty member issuing the grade also has the right to appear before the Committee for the purpose of presenting pertinent information and also may have witnesses present if desired. The recommendation of the Committee will be reported to the Director of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness, who will make the final decision and notify the student. The Committee is not empowered to change a grade.

In these proceedings, the burden of proof is on the student to prove that a change of grade is the appropriate action.

Quality Points (QPA)

Final semester grades are given quality-point ratings in accordance with the following scale:

A = 4 quality points per semester-hour credit

B = 3 quality points per semester-hour credit

C = 2 quality points per semester-hour credit

D = 1 quality point per semester-hour credit

F = 0 quality points per semester-hour credit

To determine the quality points earned in a given course, multiply the points for the final grade by the semester-hour credit for that course.

A student's quality-point average (QPA or GPA) is computed by dividing the number of quality points earned at RBC by the number of credits attempted at RBC. This computation includes semester hours in which a grade of "F" is earned. If a course is repeated, the highest grade is used to compute the quality-point average; however, both the original and second grades are recorded on the student's permanent record. The grades of accepted transfer courses, audit courses, developmental courses, and courses officially dropped before the academic penalty date are not included in the quality-point average.

Registration Procedures

Online registration procedures are published on the Richard Bland College web-site and in the course schedule for each semester and summer session. An Alternate PIN is required for registration, and is available only from the advisor/faculty member to whom the student has been assigned.

Students should make appointments with advisors as soon as possible after course schedules are published to plan schedules and review degree requirements. Faculty office schedules are posted on respective faculty office doors. Faculty office telephone numbers may be obtained by referring to the College web-site (www.rbc.edu).

Registration stations are located as follows:

- Center for Student Affairs – First Floor
- Maze Hall Administration Building – Room 101
- Maze Hall Administration Building – Registrar's Office (for special assistance)

Repeat of Courses

Students are limited to two course repeats (three attempts) of the same course. All course repeats require completion of the Course Repeat Application and its submission to the Registrar's Office. The application is available

at the Registrar's Office in Maze Hall on campus and on the Records and Registration link of the RBC website at <http://www.rbc.edu/PDFS/CourseRepeatApplication.pdf> . To determine if and how repeating a course may affect financial aid, contact a representative in the Financial Aid Office.

All course attempts and grades appear on the student's transcript. Although Richard Bland College adjusts cumulative grade point average for successful repeats, other institutions may compute the grade point average using all courses attempted.

Note: The following examples illustrate the rules concerning repeats:

1. Original grade is "I" (Incomplete) and the student registers for the same course the following semester: The original course will remain on the student's record but will be dropped without academic penalty and the new course will not be shown as a repeat on the student's record.
2. Original grade is lower than the grade for the repeated course: The cumulative grade point average is calculated including "I" (located in the column to the right of the course). The attempted hours and quality points earned for the repeated course and the attempted hours and quality points earned (if any) for the original course are excluded "E" (located in the column to the right of the course).
3. Original grade is equal to or higher than the grade for the repeated course: (See rule concerning "F's" below.) The cumulative grade point average is calculated including "I" (located in the column to the right of the course) the attempted hours and quality points earned for the original course and excluding "E" (located in the column to the right of the course) the attempted hours and quality points (if any) for the repeated course.
4. Original grade is "F" and the grade for the new course is "F": The cumulative grade point average is calculated including "I" (located in the column to the right of the course) the attempted hours for up to three (3) "F's" for a course.
5. Original and second grades are "F's" and the grade for the new course is "D" or higher: The cumulative grade point average is calculated including "I" (located in the column to the right of the course) the attempted hours and quality points earned for the new course and the attempted hours for the two "F's" are excluded "E" (located in the column to the right of the course).
6. Original, second, and third grades are "F's": On occasion a student must complete the course to fulfill degree requirements. Therefore, a third repeat is warranted. If a third repeat is granted by the Director of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness and the course is passed, the cumulative grade point average is calculated including "I" the attempted hours for the three "F's" and the attempted hours and quality points earned for the new course.

Prior to fall 1996, one grade was recorded for Biology 101-102 Lecture and Lab or Chemistry 101-102 Lecture and Lab. Therefore, repeat of either of these courses must include a lecture and a lab if the course was originally taken prior to fall 1996.

Credit Hour Load (Student)

To enhance the opportunity for early success, students admitted to the College under probationary status must enroll in the following prescribed list of courses during their first semester or until they have successfully completed all developmental courses (earned a C or better). Students who place in ENGL100 (3) and MATH100A (3) OR MATH100B (3) are required to take PSY101 (3), RBC101 (1) and PE 120 (2).

1. The general full-time student credit load during the regular session consists of four or five courses representing a minimum of twelve (12) and a maximum of eighteen (18) semester-hour credits. Exceptions to this general credit load include the following:
2. A student may, with the approval of the Director of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness, carry an overload beyond eighteen semester credit hours.
3. A continuing student on Academic Probation may not exceed thirteen semester credit hours.
4. The maximum summer session credit load is two courses or six credit hours in each term. Students may earn up to fifteen credits during the summer.

5. For administrative purposes, a student who is enrolled in twelve or more credit hours is considered a full-time student. A student enrolled in fewer than twelve credit hours is considered part-time.

Grading System

Grades can be accessed by the students through Banner Web at the end of each semester or term. The College's grading system for evaluating achievement in academic courses is:

A = Superior
B = Good
C = Average
D = Poor
F = Failing
W = Withdrew
W/F = Withdrew/Failing
M = Drop without Academic Penalty

In addition to the grades, A, B, C, D, and F, the following symbols are also used:

- The grade of "I" (Incomplete) indicates the student has received permission from the instructor to postpone the completion of certain required work or for a deferred final examination. The student and instructor must complete the "Application for Incomplete Grade" to initiate the process. Incomplete course work and deferred examinations must be completed as soon as possible, but not later than the last date to complete "Incomplete" grades during the following semester (See Academic Calendar for pertinent dates). An incomplete grade that is not removed within this period will automatically become an "F". A student may elect to repeat an "Incomplete" course the following semester. If so, the "Incomplete" course will remain on the student's record but will be dropped without academic penalty.
- The symbol of "W" (Withdrew on or before Penalty Drop Date) indicates a course dropped after the Class Change period, but on or before the penalty drop date (See College Calendar for pertinent dates). Any student withdrawing after the Penalty Drop Date receives a grade of "W/F". Grades of "W/F" are included as an "F" in the computation of a student's Richard Bland College grade point average.
- The symbol of "M" (Medical/Extenuating Circumstance Withdrawal) indicates a course dropped after the penalty drop date due to medical/extenuating circumstances with appropriate documentation. Approval of the Director of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness is required.
- The symbol of "O" (Audit) indicates a course being taken for non-credit.

Additional guidance is available through the Advising, Transfer and Career Center located on the second floor of the Center for Student Affairs.

Withdrawal from the College

Students who desire to withdraw from the College must complete a "Withdrawal from College" form available from the Office of the Registrar or submit a letter to the Registrar stating the desire to withdraw. Students under age eighteen must furnish written permission from their parent or guardian to withdraw from the College. Students with outstanding debts to the College must settle their accounts before withdrawing.

If a student withdraws from the College after the penalty drop date (see Academic Calendar for pertinent dates), or does not officially withdraw by notifying the Office of the Registrar in writing, a grade of "F" will be assigned for each course. If extenuating circumstances exist, the Director of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness must be informed in writing and appropriate documentation may be required. The Director of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness will determine if withdrawal without academic penalty is appropriate.

Refunds will be based on guidelines outlined in the Course Schedule located on the website at www.rbc.edu.

Readmission to College after voluntary official withdrawal is not automatic. A student desiring to return to the College must apply for readmission in the Center for Student Affairs.

Military Deployment

A student with certain military status who is called to active duty is given special consideration by the College in determining tuition refund or academic deferral of credit. Depending upon the circumstances and timing, such a student may be allowed to withdraw from the College without academic penalty and with full refund of tuition or the student will receive a grade of incomplete with the option of completing the course(s) at a later date or tuition credit for future enrollment. Each case is determined on its own merits based on the College's receipt of a copy of the appropriate military orders.

Withdrawing from One or More Classes but not from the College (Dropping a Class)

After the conclusion of the Class Change period during the first week of classes, class drops are initiated by completing a "Class Drop" form available at the Office of the Registrar or on the Registrar's page of the College's website (www.rbc.edu). The form must be signed by the student, the Financial Aid Office (if applicable), Southside Regional Medical Center (if applicable), and submitted to the Office of the Registrar.

A course dropped after the Class Change period but before the Penalty Drop Date (approximately mid-semester) will have the notation "W" on the student's permanent record.

A course dropped after the Penalty Drop Date receives a grade of "W/F" (included in the computation of the student's Richard Bland College grade point average). If medical or extenuating circumstances exist, and appropriate documentation can be presented to and approved by the Director of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness, the grade of "M" (drop without academic penalty) will be assigned to the student's permanent record. Please refer to the section concerning the College's grading system..

Programs and Courses

Richard Bland College provides a sound liberal arts education designed for transfer to senior institutions. The Board of Visitors of The College of William and Mary has authorized Richard Bland College to confer the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science. Each degree consists of specific requirements plus electives.

Curriculum Goals

The following college-wide curriculum goals have been adopted. Upon graduation from Richard Bland College, the student will have acquired:

1. The ability to analyze and critique information through accurate reading, listening, and logical thinking, and the ability to acquire, organize, document, and present written and oral information clearly, precisely, and correctly.
2. The ability to acquire, process, understand and use quantitative data.
3. An understanding of how major historical factors and events have influenced the development of civilization.
4. An understanding of major natural laws and theories that govern our universe and the ability to apply the scientific method to the acquisition of knowledge and problem-solving.
5. An understanding of major social forces that have shaped and continue to shape contemporary society.
6. An understanding of the human experience as revealed through creative expressions from the humanities.
7. An understanding of the components of a healthful lifestyle, including the benefits of physical fitness.

Richard Bland College strives to maintain an intellectual, cultural, and physical environment that fosters integrity of character, the spirit of free inquiry, disciplined thinking, and the capacity for lifelong learning. Richard Bland College is committed to a flexible, balanced, and coherent course of study based on a core curriculum in the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, and physical education.

Receiving an associate's degree from Richard Bland College allows students to pursue bachelor's programs in fields

ranging from the arts to technology, from languages to laboratory research. The liberal arts foundation in the Richard Bland College curriculum has also provided the impetus for development of program-to-program articulation agreements with many senior institutions in the areas of business, education, and health sciences, including options in such fields as accounting, elementary school teaching, and nursing. Students interested in exploring major programs should meet with the appropriate advisor, the staff of the Advising, Transfer and Career Center or the Director of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness.

General Policies

1. The term "Continuous Course" (such as English 101-102) indicates the two semesters of the year-long course are meant to be taken as a unit, and the satisfactory completion of the first semester is a prerequisite for entrance into the second semester, except by special permission of the instructor.
2. A single number (such as Philosophy 101) indicates the course is completed within a single semester.
3. Courses listed in this Catalog have been approved by the College; however, a course will be taught only if there is sufficient enrollment, which will be determined by the Director of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness.
4. Physical Education credits may not be used to fulfill requirements in any academic area.
5. Only one class (2 credits) in physical education will apply toward graduation requirements. Students are nonetheless welcome to enroll in additional physical education courses and have no more than two additional credits applied as electives toward graduation.
6. Non-credit (developmental or audit) courses do not fulfill academic requirements for graduation.
7. A minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00 is required for graduation in any degree program offered by Richard Bland College.
8. At least thirty (30) of the total semester hours required for a degree must be earned at Richard Bland College.
9. Nine of the last fifteen hours must be earned in residency at Richard Bland College to satisfy degree requirements.
10. Only in exceptional cases will the Director of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness exempt a student from any graduation requirement outlined in this Catalog.
11. It is the student's responsibility to know and fulfill the requirements for graduation and to check with the Registrar during the year of intended graduation to be certain all credentials are in order.
12. Students planning to transfer to The College of William and Mary, as well as certain other institutions in the Commonwealth of Virginia, are reminded that six hours of foreign language at the intermediate level are required for graduation. Students must refer to the Transfer Guide to review the appropriate Articulation Agreement. This information is available on the Richard Bland College website under Transfer Information.
13. Any course that has been used to fulfill a degree requirement in one area may not be used to fulfill a requirement in any other area.
14. All General Education Core requirements will be met within the requirements of the General Associate Degree and in all degrees with Areas of Emphasis.

The General Education Core

The General Education Core provides the fundamentals of liberal arts education. It is the foundation of the Associate in Arts and the Associate in Science degrees. The General Education Core is constituted of courses that are accepted toward general education requirements at most of Virginia's senior-level colleges and universities.

The General Education Core credit-hour requirements applicable to the Associate in Arts Degree and the Associate in Science Degree are listed below. All students must meet the core requirements. The Core Courses listed below identifies those RBC courses that fulfill core requirements for the degree.

A. The Art of Language and Ideas	
1. ENGL 101-102	6
2. Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3
B. The Language and History of the Fine Arts	
Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3
C. The Human Experience	
Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3
D. U.S. & World Cultures	
Choose <u>one</u> courses from this area	3
E. Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning	3
Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	
F. Investigation of the Natural World	4
Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	
G. Physical Fitness & Wellness	2
PE 120	
H. Computer Proficiency	0-3
Total	27-30

Core Courses List

The Art of Language and Ideas

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| 1 ENGL 101 Writing and Research | ENGL 102 Introduction to Literary Genres |
| 2 ENGL 200 The Craft of Researched Writing | ENGL 214 African-American Literature |
| ENGL 201 Western World Literature | PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy* |
| ENGL 202 Western World Literature | PHIL 121 Introduction to Critical Thinking* |
| ENGL 203 English Literature through the 18 th Century | PHIL 201 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy |
| ENGL 204 English Literature: Romanticism to Present | PHIL 202 Modern Philosophy |
| ENGL 205 American Literature through the Civil War | PHIL 203 Introduction to Ethics* |
| ENGL 206 American Literature: Civil War to Present | PHIL 270 Asian Religious Thought |
| ENGL 210 Shakespeare | REL 201 Introduction to Religion* |
| ENGL 211 Contemporary Literature | REL 270 Asian Religious Thought |
| ENGL 212 Fantasy: Beowulf to the Present | SPCH 101 Public Speaking |
| ENGL 213 Science Fiction | SPCH 201 Interpersonal Communication |

The Language and History of the Fine Arts

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| ART 201 Art History Survey | MUS 103 Music Appreciation |
| ART 202 Art History Survey | THEA 201 Theatre: A Contemporary and Historical Introduction |
| ART 231 Art Appreciation | |

The Human Experience

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| PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy* | PSY 295 Human Sexuality |
| PHIL 203 Introduction to Ethics* | REL 201 Introduction to Religion* |
| PHIL 270 Asian Religious Thought | REL 209 Comparative Religion* |
| PSY 201- 202 General Psychology | REL 210 Social History of Christianity* |
| or PSY 210 A Survey of Psychology | REL 270 Asian Religious Thought |
| PSY 250 Developmental Psychology | SOC 201 General Sociology |
| PSY 260 Psychology of Personality Theories | SOC 204 Social Problems |
| PSY 291 Psychology of Adjustment | SOC 250 Criminology |
| PSY 292 Stress Management | SOC 253 Marriage and the Family |

U.S. and World Cultures

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| ECON 201 Principles of Economics (Macro) | HIST 240 Nazi Germany |
| ECON 202 Principles of Economics (Micro) | HIST 250 Modern America: U.S. History since 1945 |
| GEO 101 Major World Regions | HIST 270 The History of Modern Britain |
| GEO 103 Cultural Geography | HIST 276 The Vietnam Wars |
| GOVT 201 American Government and Politics | PHIL 270 Asian Religious Thought |
| GOVT 202 The United States in World Affairs | REL 209 Comparative Religion* |
| GOVT 203 Comparative Government and Politics | REL 210 Social History of Christianity* |
| HIST 101 Western Civilization to 1715 | REL 219 History and Religion of Israel |
| HIST 102 Western Civilization since 1715 | REL 220 New Testament World |
| HIST 201 American History to 1865 | REL 254 Religion in Contemporary America |
| HIST 202 American History since 1865 | REL 270 Asian Religious Thought |

Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning

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| CSCI 211 Computer Programming I | MATH 207 Calculus for Business and Social Science |
| CSCI 220 Discrete Structures (<i>Course not yet developed</i>) | MATH 117 Pre-Calculus MATH 201-202 Calculus |
| MATH 105 Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics | MATH 203 Elementary Linear Algebra |
| MATH 110 Contemporary Mathematics | MATH 204 Multivariable Calculus |
| MATH 101 College Algebra | MATH 220 Discrete Structures (<i>Course not yet developed</i>) |
| MATH 217 Introductory Statistics | |

Investigation of the Natural World

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| BIO 101-102 (101L-102L) General Biology | CHEM 101-102 (101L-102L) General Chemistry |
| BIO 151-152 (151L-152L) Biological Science | CHEM 110 Concepts of Chemistry |
| BIO 205-206 Human Anatomy and Physiology | CHEM 230-231 Organic Chemistry |
| BIO 110 Contemporary Biology | PHYS 101-102 College Physics |
| BIO 211 Microbiology | PHYS 201-202 University Physics |
| BIO 220 Medical Microbiology | |

Physical Fitness & Wellness

- PE 120 Fitness and Wellness

Computer Proficiency

Students must either pass the Computer Proficiency Assessment or take one of the following courses:

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| CSCI 110 Computer Concepts and Applications | CSCI 203 Computer Applications II |
| CSCI 202 Computer Applications I | CSCI 212 Computer Programming II |
| CSCI 211 Computer Programming I | |

Foreign Language

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| FREN 101-102 Elementary French I, II | SPAN 101-102 Elementary Spanish I, II |
| FREN 201-202 Intermediate French I, II | SPAN 201-202 Intermediate Spanish I, II |

*Course can be used to satisfy the requirement of only one category

Associate in Arts Degree (A.A.)

The Associate in Arts Degree is designed primarily for those students who plan to complete their baccalaureate degrees in areas of the arts, humanities, or the behavioral and social sciences. Depending upon the institution to which a student may transfer and the prospective major, the Associate in Science Degree may be more appropriate. Students are urged to consult an academic advisor on this matter.

A student must meet the following credit-hour requirements for the Associate in Arts Degree:

GENERAL ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

The College offers a traditional generalist degree incorporating the Core and significant breadth across discipline.

A. The Art of Language and Ideas	
1. ENGL 101-102	6
2. Choose <u>two</u> courses from this area	6
B. The Language and History of the Fine Arts	
Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3
C. Foreign Language	6
Intermediate level: 201-202	
D. The Human Experience	6
Choose <u>two</u> courses from this area	
E. U.S. & World Cultures	6
Choose <u>two</u> courses from this area	
F. Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning	6
Choose <u>two</u> courses from this area or <u>one</u> course from this area and PHIL 121	
G. Investigation of the Natural World	8
Choose <u>two</u> laboratory courses from this area	
H. Physical Fitness & Wellness	2
PE 120	
I. Computer Proficiency	0-3
J. Electives	11-14
(Foreign Language: 101-102 if needed)	(8)
Total Credits Required	63

AREAS OF EMPHASIS

The College offers specialized Areas of Emphasis within the Associate of Arts degree, designed to allow students to begin to focus in a specific pre-major area of study.

English: Associate of Arts Degree (with emphasis in English)

Intended for students who are considering a major in English

A. The Art of Language and Ideas	
1. ENGL 101-102	6
2. Choose two courses from ENGL 203, 204, 205 or 206, <u>one</u> additional literature course, and <u>one</u> additional course from this area	6 3 3
B. Foreign Language	6
Intermediate level: 201-202	
C. The Language and History of the Fine Arts	
Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3
<i>Choose <u>two</u> courses from either The Human Experience or U.S. & World Cultures and <u>one</u> course from the other area with no more than 2 courses from any one discipline:</i>	
D. The Human Experience	3 or 6
E. U.S. & World Cultures	6 or 3
F. Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning	6
<i>Choose either <u>two</u> courses from this area or <u>one</u> course from this area and PHIL 121</i>	
G. Investigation of the Natural World	8
Choose <u>two</u> laboratory courses from this area	
H. Physical Fitness & Wellness	2
PE 120	
I. Computer Proficiency	0-3
J. Electives	8-11
<i>(Foreign Language: 101-102 if needed)</i>	(8)
<i>Recommended electives: ENGL 200, PHIL 121</i>	
Total Credits Required	63

**Government/Political Science: Associate of Arts Degree
(with emphasis in Government/Political Science)**

Intended for students who are considering a major in Government/Political Science.

A. U.S. & World Cultures GOVT 201, 202 and	6
B. The Art of Language and Ideas 1. ENGL 101-102 2. Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	6 3
C. Foreign Language Intermediate level: 201-202	6
D. The Language and History of the Fine Arts Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3
E. The Human Experience Choose <u>two</u> course from this area	6
F. Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning MATH 217 and either one additional Math course or Phil 121	6
G. Investigation of the Natural World Choose any <u>two</u> laboratory courses from this area	8
H. Physical Fitness & Wellness PE 120	2
I. Computer Proficiency	0-3
J. Electives (Foreign Language: 101-102 if needed) Recommended Electives: ENGL 200, PHIL 121	8-11 (8)
Total Credits Required	63

History: Associate of Arts Degree (with emphasis in History)

Intended for students who are considering a major in History.

A. U.S. & World Cultures	12	
<i>Either HIST 101-102 or HIST 201-202 and</i>	6	
<i>Either HIST 240, 250, 270 or 276 and</i>		3
<i>Choose any additional course from this area (excluding History)</i>		3
B. The Art of Language and Ideas		
1. ENGL 101-102	6	
2. Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3	
C. Foreign Language	6	
Intermediate level: 201-202		
D. The Language and History of the Fine Arts		
Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3	
E. The Human Experience		
Choose <u>two</u> course from this area	6	
F. Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning		
MATH 217 and either one additional Math course or Phil 121	6	
G. Investigation of the Natural World	8	
Choose any <u>two</u> laboratory courses from this area		
H. Physical Fitness & Wellness	2	
PE 120		
I. Computer Proficiency	0-3	
J. Electives	8-11	
<i>(Foreign Language: 101-102 if needed)</i>	(8)	
<i>Recommended Electives: ENGL 200, PHIL 121</i>		
Total Credits Required	63	

Philosophy: Associate of Arts Degree (with emphasis in Philosophy)

Intended for students who are considering a major in Philosophy

A. The Art of Language and Ideas (18 credits total)	
ENGL 101-102	6
PHIL 201, 202 and either 101 or 203	9
Choose one from the following: ENG 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, PHIL 270, REL 201*, REL 270*, SPCH 101, 201	3
<i>Note: Courses w/ (*) can be used to satisfy the requirement of only one category.</i>	
B. Foreign Language (Intermediate Level) (6 credits total)	6
FREN 201-202	
SPAN 201-202	
C. The Language and History of the Fine Arts (3 credits total)	
Choose one from the following: ART 201, 202, or 231, MUS 103, THEA 201	3
<i>Choose two courses from either The Human Experience or U.S. & World Cultures and one course from the other area with no more than 2 courses from any one discipline:</i>	
D. The Human Experience (3/6 credits total)	3 or 6
Choose one from the following: PHIL 101*, 203*, 270, PSY (201- 202, or PSY 210) 250, 260, 291, 292, 295, REL 201*, 209*, 210, 270*, SOC 201, 204, 250, 253	
<i>Note: Courses w/ (*) can be used to satisfy the requirement of only one category.</i>	
E. U.S. & World Cultures (3/6 credits total)	3 or 6
Choose one from the following: ECON 201, 202, GEO 101, 103, GOVT 201, 202, 203	
HIST 101, 102, 201, 202, 240, 250, 270, 276, PHIL 270, REL 209*, 210*, 219, 220, 254, 270*	
<i>Note: Courses w/ (*) can be used to satisfy the requirement of only one category.</i>	
F. Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning (6 credits total)	6
PHIL 121	
Choose one from the following: CSCI 211, MATH 101, 105, 110, 207, 217, 117, 201, 202, 203, 204	
G. Investigating the Natural World (8 credits total including a lab)	8
Choose two from the following from the following: BIO 101-102 (w/101L & 102L), 205-206, 211, 220, CHEM 101-102 (w/101L & 102L), 230-231, BIO 110, CHEM 110 (w/labs), PHYS 101-102, 201-202	
H. Physical Fitness & Wellness (2 credits total)	2
PE 120	
<i>Note: No more than two additional PE credit hours may be taken for elective credit.</i>	
I. Computer Proficiency (0-3 credits total)	
Choose one from the following: CSCI 110, 202, 203, 211, 212 or <i>Pass the Comp Proficiency Assessment</i>	0-3
J. Electives (8-11 credits total)	8-11
Foreign Language: 101-102, if needed	(8)
<i>(No more than two additional PE credits may be taken for elective credit)</i>	
Total Credits Required to Graduate	63

Associate in Science Degree (A.S.)

The Associate in Science Degree is designed primarily for those students who plan to complete their baccalaureate degrees in areas of education, business, health professions, social work, engineering, or one of the natural sciences. Depending upon the institution to which a student may transfer and the prospective major, the Associate in Arts Degree may be more appropriate. Students are urged to consult an academic advisor on this matter. There is no foreign language requirement to earn this degree.

A student must meet the following credit-hour requirements for the Associate in Science Degree:

GENERAL ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE

The College offers a traditional generalist degree incorporating the Core and significant breadth across discipline.

A. The Art of Language and Ideas	
1. ENGL 101-102	6
2. Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3
B. The Language and History of the Visual Arts	
Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3
C. The Human Experience	
Choose <u>three</u> courses from this area with no more than 2 courses from any one discipline:	9
D. U.S. & World Cultures	
Choose <u>three</u> courses from this area with no more than 2 courses from any one discipline:	9
E. Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning	
Choose <u>two</u> courses from this area	6
F. Investigation of the Natural World	8
Choose <u>two</u> laboratory courses from this area	
G. Physical Fitness & Wellness	2
PE 120	
H. Computer Proficiency	0-3
I. Electives	14-17
Foreign Language (It is recommended that students check with their desired transfer institution to determine their foreign language requirements).	
Total Credits Required	63

AREAS OF EMPHASIS

The College offers specialized Areas of Emphasis within the Associate of Science degree, designed to allow students to begin to focus in a specific pre-major area of study.

Behavioral Sciences: Associate of Science Degree (with emphasis in Behavioral Sciences)

Intended for students who are considering a major in Psychology or Sociology.

A. The Human Experience	18
PSY 201-202, PHIL 203, SOC 201, 204, and <u>one</u> additional course in either Psychology or Sociology	
B. U.S. & World Cultures	6
Choose <u>two</u> courses from this area	
C. The Art of Language and Ideas	
1. ENGL 101-102	6
2. Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3
D. The Language and History of the Visual Arts	3
Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	
E. Investigation of the Natural World	8
Choose <u>two</u> laboratory courses from this area (Students considering a major in Psychology should take BIO 101-102)	
F. Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning	6
MATH 217 and <u>one</u> other course from this area	
G. Physical Fitness & Wellness	2
PE 120	
H. Computer Proficiency	0-3
I. Electives	8-11
Recommended Electives: ENGL 200, PHIL 121 <i>Foreign Language (It is recommended that students check with their desired transfer institution to determine their foreign language requirements).</i>	
Total Credits Required	63

Business: Associate of Science Degree (with emphasis in Business)

Intended for students who are considering a major in Business.

A. BUS 201-201 Principles of Accounting I, II	6
B. U.S. & World Cultures ECON 201-202 <i>and choose <u>one</u> additional course from this area</i>	6 3
C. Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning MATH 217 <i>and</i> MATH 207 (or MATH 201)	6
D. The Human Experience <i>Choose <u>three</u> courses from this area with no more than 2 courses from any one discipline</i>	9
E. The Art of Language and Ideas 3. ENGL 101-102 4. <i>Choose <u>one</u> course from this area</i>	6 3
F. The Language and History of the Visual Arts <i>Choose <u>one</u> course from this area</i>	3
G. Investigation of the Natural World <i>Choose <u>two</u> laboratory courses from this area</i>	8
H. Physical Fitness & Wellness PE 120	2
I. Computer Proficiency	0-3
J. Electives <i>(For students unfamiliar with the various business careers, BUS 104, is recommended as an elective)</i> <i>Foreign Language (It is recommended that students check with their desired transfer institution to determine their foreign language requirements).</i>	8-11
Total Credits Required	63

Visual Arts: Associate of Science Degree (with emphasis in Visual Arts)

Intended for students who are considering a major in Art.

A. The Language and History of the Visual Arts ART 201, 202, 231	9
B. Studio Arts ART 101, 102, 103, 104, 221, 222 18 ART 292 (Portfolio Development)	3
C. The Art of Language and Ideas 1. ENGL 101-102	6
2. Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3
<i>Choose <u>two</u> courses from either The Human Experience or U.S. & World Cultures and <u>one</u> course from the other area with no more than 2 courses from any one discipline:</i>	
D. The Human Experience	3 or 6
E. U.S. & World Cultures	6 or 3
F. Investigation of the Natural World Choose <u>one</u> laboratory course from this area	4
G. Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3
H. Physical Fitness & Wellness PE 120	2
I. Computer Proficiency	0-3
J. Electives	3-6
Total Credits Required	63

**Mathematics or Computer Science: Associate of Science Degree
(with emphasis in Mathematics or Computer Science)**

Intended for students who are considering a major in Mathematics or Computer Science

A. Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning

MATH 201, 202, and 204	11
CSCI 211	3
<u>MATH 220/CSCI 200 Discrete Structures</u> <i>(Course not yet developed)</i>	3
MATH 203 or CSCI 212 <i>(for Mathematics take MATH 203, for Computer Science take CSCI 212)</i>	3

B. Investigation of the Natural World

Physics 201-202	10
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C. The Art of Language and Ideas

1. ENGL 101-102	6
2. Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3

D. The Language and History of the Visual Arts

Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3
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E. The Human Experience

Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3
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F. U.S. & World Cultures

Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3
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G. Physical Fitness & Wellness

PE 120	2
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H. Electives 13

Recommended electives from the Natural Sciences (Mathematics and Computer Science majors are often required to take one to three additional Natural Science courses. It is recommended that students check with their desired transfer institution to determine the specific natural science courses required.) (4-12)

Foreign Language (It is recommended that students check with their desired transfer institution to determine their foreign language requirements).

Total Credits Required 63

Philosophy: Associate of Science Degree (with emphasis in Philosophy)

Intended for students who are considering a major in Philosophy

A. The Art of Language and Ideas (18 credits total)	
ENGL 101-102	6
PHIL 201, 202 and either 101 or 203	9
Choose one from the following: ENG 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, PHIL 270, REL 201*, REL 270*, SPCH 101, 201	3
<i>Note: Courses w/ (*) can be used to satisfy the requirement of only one category.</i>	
B. Foreign Language (Basic Level) (0-8 credits total)	8
FREN 101-102 SPAN 101-102	
<i>Or two years of High School Foreign Language and approval of RBC Foreign Lang. lead faculty</i>	
C. The Language and History of the Fine Arts (3 credits total)	
Choose one from the following: ART 201, 202, or 231, MUS 103, THEA 201	3
<i>Choose two courses from either The Human Experience or U.S. & World Cultures and one course from the other area with no more than 2 courses from any one discipline:</i>	
D. The Human Experience (3/6 credits total)	3 or 6
Choose one from the following: PHIL 101*, 203*, 270, PSY (201- 202, or PSY 210) 250, 260, 291, 292, 295, REL 201*, 209*, 210*, 270*, SOC 201, 204, 250, 253	
<i>Note: Courses w/ (*) can be used to satisfy the requirement of only one category.</i>	
E. U.S. & World Cultures (3/6 credits total)	3 or 6
Choose one from the following: ECON 201, 202, GEO 101, 103, GOVT 201, 202, 203 HIST 101, 102, 201, 202, 240, 250, 270, 276, PHIL 270, REL 209*, 210*, 219, 220, 254, 270*	
<i>Note: Courses w/ (*) can be used to satisfy the requirement of only one category.</i>	
F. Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning (9 credits total)	9
PHIL 121	
Choose two from the following: CSCI 211, MATH 101, 105, 110, 207, 217, 117, 201, 202, 203, 204	
G. Investigating the Natural World (8 credits total including a lab)	8
Choose two from the following from the following: BIO 101-102 (w/101L & 102L), 205-206, 211, 220, CHEM 101-102 (w/101L & 102L), 230-231, BIO 110, CHEM 110 (w/labs), PHYS 101-102, 201-202	
H. Physical Fitness & Wellness (2 credits total)	2
PE 120	
<i>Note: No more than two additional PE credit hours may be taken for elective credit.</i>	
I. Computer Proficiency (0-3 credits total)	
Choose one from the following: CSCI 110, 202, 203, 211, 212 or <i>Pass the Comp Proficiency Assessment</i>	0-3
J. Electives (3-14 credits total)	3-14
<i>(No more than two additional PE credits may be taken for elective credit)</i>	
Total Credits Required to Graduate	63

Science: Associate of Science Degree (with emphasis in Science)

Intended for students who are considering a major in Biology or Forensic Science, or are planning to pursue professional programs in Dentistry, Medicine, or Pharmacy.

A. Investigation of the Natural World

BIO 101-102, CHEM 101-102,
and either CHEM 230-231 or PHYS 101-102

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*(for Biology take CHEM 230-231, for Forensic Science take PHYS 101-102)
(for those planning to pursue professional programs in Pharmacy, Dentistry, or
Medicine, all four sequences are recommended)*

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B. Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning

MATH 217 and either MATH 207 or MATH 201 *(students should
check with transfer institution to determine specific requirement)*

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C. The Art of Language and Ideas

1. ENGL 101-102

6

2. Choose one course from this area

3

(Those planning to pursue Pharmacy should take SPCH 101)

D. The Language and History of the Visual Arts

Choose one course from this area

3

E. The Human Experience

Choose one course from this area

3

F. U.S. & World Cultures

Choose one course from this area

3

G. Physical Fitness & Wellness

2

H. Computer Proficiency

0-3

I. Electives

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Recommended elective for Biology: BIOL 211

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Recommended elective for Forensic chemistry track: MATH 202

(4)

Recommended elective for Pharmacy: one additional Math course

(3-4)

*Foreign Language (It is recommended that students check with their
desired transfer institution to determine their foreign language
requirements).*

Total Credits Required

63

Science & Math: Associate of Science Degree (with emphasis in Science & Math)
Intended for students who are considering a major in Chemistry, Physics, or Engineering.

A. Investigation of the Natural World	
CHEM 101-102 and either CHEM 230-231 or PHYS 201-202	16-18
B. Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning	
MATH 201, 202, and 204	11
C. The Art of Language and Ideas	
1. ENGL 101-102	6
2. Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3
D. The Language and History of the Visual Arts	
Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3
E. The Human Experience	
Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3
F. U.S. & World Cultures	
Choose <u>one</u> course from this area	3
G. Physical Fitness & Wellness	2
PE 120	
H. Computer Proficiency	0-3
I. Electives	11-16
<i>Recommended elective for Chemistry Or Chem. Eng.: PHYS 201-202</i>	(10)
<i>Recommended elective for Physics and Engineering: MATH 203</i>	(3)
<i>Recommended elective for Physics: CSCI 211</i>	(3)
<i>Foreign Language (It is recommended that students check with their desired transfer institution to determine their foreign language requirements).</i>	
Total Credits Required	63

Course Descriptions

Courses at Richard Bland College are designed to provide basic knowledge and understanding of the liberal arts and sciences. They comprise a core curriculum of general-education requirements that prepare students to transfer to baccalaureate-level institutions.

Course Interpretation

A single number listing for a course, such as ART 231, indicates it is a one-semester course and may be offered each semester or only one semester each year. Courses listed with a double number such as HIST 201,202 and designated as semester courses, consist of two one-semester courses either of which may be taken without the other. Courses listed with a double number such as CHEM 101-102 and designated as a continuous course, consist of two one-semester courses, the first of which can be taken without the second, but the second of which cannot be taken without the successful completion of the first. Course abbreviations ending in an "L" denote laboratory. The College reserves the right to withdraw any course or program.

Course Prerequisites, Co-requisites

Course prerequisites or co-requisites state requirements for student entry into courses, and reflect necessary preparation for attempting the course. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of these as stated in the catalog, and to have taken prerequisites recently enough to be of value. Students may be excluded from or dismissed from courses for which they have not earned the pre-requisite. Questions should be addressed to the academic department or course instructor.

Art (ART)

Richard Bland College promotes an appreciation of art and aesthetics in support of our understanding of culture. Students are exposed to a variety of basic skills and gain an appreciation of art within the tradition of the liberal arts. Courses at the 200 level contribute to meeting the humanities requirement in the Core Curriculum. Art 299 does not meet the humanities requirement for the Associate Degree unless approved by the Instructional Programs Committee.

101-102 Basic Design

Studio, six hours; three credits each semester. A foundation course providing the basic skills, concepts, and language of two- and three-dimensional design as related to the visual arts. Need not be taken in sequence

103-104 Beginning Drawing

Studio, six hours; three credits each semester. Introduction to drawing as a means of creative expression. Emphasis is on improving skills and exploring and studying the fundamental problems of perception relating to two-dimensional surfaces. Need not be taken in sequence.

201-202 Art History Survey

Lecture three hours; three credits each semester. A history of architecture, sculpture, and the pictorial world arts. The first semester deals with prehistoric through Gothic art; the second semester, Renaissance through modern art. It is not necessary for the semesters to be taken in chronological order.

221-222 Intermediate Drawing

Studio; one to three credits. Introduces advanced studio topics, builds upon foundation drawing skills, and assists students in developing a portfolio for transfer into an undergraduate fine arts program.

231 Art Appreciation

Lecture three hours; three credits. An approach to understanding and appreciating the visual art through critical and creative thinking. Course is designed to improve students' visual literacy, ability to analyze visual information, and to improve ability to make informed judgments about works of art. The course consists of lecture and discussion sessions and includes a number of field trips to area museums and galleries.

292 Portfolio Development

Three credits. Students complete three five-week labs that focus on specific topics that reinforce focus areas of their Portfolios. Students may select from a menu of lab projects, including anatomy, color, perspective, 3-d modeling, and time-based experimental digital imaging, to complete transfer portfolio requirements. Includes individual assignments and critiques, as well as site visits to learn about professional art practice. Prerequisites: at least six credits of studio art and permission of instructor.

299 Special Topics in Art

One to three credits. Students develop individual learning contracts with the instructor to complete portfolios for transfer. Individual assignments and critiques, as well as research into relevant contemporary concepts and practices. Prerequisites: at least six credits of studio art and permission of instructor.

Biology (BIO)

Biology at Richard Bland College provides a rigorous curriculum that enables students to meet the core requirements in science and prepare for transfer to a senior-level institution, and to satisfy requirements at allied—health sciences schools. In particular, biology courses help develop an understanding of and appreciation for the diversity of living organisms and their structure, functions and interactions. Most courses include laboratory and field activities.

101-102 General Biology (Lecture)

Continuous course; three hours lecture; three credits each semester. Prerequisite/Co-requisite English 101 and Math 101. Lecture and lab must be completed in order to meet the core curriculum requirements in the natural sciences. The course covers the scientific method; basic chemistry; molecular biology; genetics; evolution, the structure and function of cells, tissues, organ systems, and organisms; biodiversity; and ecology.

101L-102L General Biology (Laboratory)

Continuous course; three hours of laboratory; one credit each semester. Prerequisite: Student must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in the corresponding biology lecture. Laboratory work emphasizes the principles discussed in lecture.

110 Contemporary Biology

Biological Concepts (BIO 110). 3 hours lecture, 3 hours laboratory: 4 hours credit. Prerequisite: Math 100B (with a grade of C or higher) or placement into a level 3, 4, or 5 math course. BIO 110 is a one semester life science course designed specifically for non majors. The course will focus on selected topics taken from current headline events. In each topic there will be two emphases: the basic biological principles of the topic, and the interaction of biological science and the human population and the government. This course should not be taken by students planning to major in a Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Allied Health, Psychology or Sociology.

111 Medical Terminology

Two hours lecture; two credits. A study of scientific terms, root words, prefixes and suffixes used in medical and allied health fields.

151 Biological Science I

First of two-semester introductory lecture sequence for potential biology and health pre-professional majors; three hours lecture, three credits course. Prerequisite/Co-requisite: English 101, Math 101. Must be taken concurrently with Biology 151 Laboratory. A grade of “C” or better will be required to advance to Biology 152. The course will be offered every Fall semester or as conditions warrant. Students taking Biological Science 151 cannot get credit for Biology 101.

151 Biological Science I (Laboratory)

First of two-semester introductory laboratory sequence for potential biology and health pre-professional majors to be taken concurrently with lecture course; three hours laboratory one credit course. Prerequisite/Co-requisite: English 101, Math 101. Must be taken concurrently with Biology 151. A grade of “C” or better will be required to advance to Biology 152 Laboratory. The course will be offered every Fall semester or as conditions warrant.

152 Biological Science II

Second of two-semester introductory lecture sequence for potential biology and health pre-professional majors; three hours lecture, three credits course. Prerequisite: A grade of “C” or better in Biology 151. Must be taken concurrently with Biology 152 Laboratory. The course will be offered every Spring semester or as conditions warrant. Students taking Biological Science 152 cannot get credit for Biology 102.

152 Biological Science II (Laboratory)

Second of two-semester introductory laboratory sequence for potential biology and health pre-professional majors to be taken concurrently with lecture course; three hours laboratory one credit course. Prerequisite: A grade of “C” or better in Biology 151 Lecture and Laboratory. Must be taken concurrently with Biology 152 lecture. The course will be offered every Spring semester or as conditions warrant.

205-206 Human Anatomy and Physiology

Continuous course; three hours lecture; three hours laboratory or online course; four credits each semester. Co-requisites: English 101 and Math 101. Strongly recommended: Biology 101 General Biology. This course is specifically designed for students in the health sciences, providing a comprehensive and systematic knowledge of the structure and function of the human body through an integrated approach. Dissections, experiments and demonstrations carried out in the laboratory parallel the lectures. Check transfer school for transferability.

211 Microbiology

Three hours lecture; three hours laboratory; four credits. Prerequisite: Biology 101 or Biology 151 and strongly recommended Chemistry 101. A study will be made of the morphology, physiology, taxonomy and epidemiology of bacteria, rickettsia, and some of the viruses, lower fungi, protozoa and metazoa. The techniques of isolation, culture, staining, identification, and control of bacteria will be a major part of the laboratory work. The principles of immunology and sterilization will be demonstrated.

218 Cell Biology

Three hours lecture; three credit course. Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in Biology 151 or "B" or better in Biology 101. The course presents the molecular aspects of cells including organization and maintenance of cellular structure, energetics, differential gene expression, cell to cell communication, and reproduction. This course will be offered every spring semester.

220 Medical Microbiology

Three hours lecture; three hours laboratory; four hours credit. Strongly recommended: Biology 101. Course provides a student in allied-health programs with a basic understanding of the principles and concepts of microbiology as they apply to practical work. Emphasis is given to diseases and disease-causing agents. Can be used for partial fulfillment of degree requirements, but cannot be combined with BIO 211. The course does not fulfill requirements in microbiology for majors in science at four-year schools.

230 Plant Biology

Three hours lecture; three hours laboratory; four hours credit. This is an integrated lecture and laboratory course. The lecture will concentrate on morphology and physiology of herbaceous and wood plant divisions within the plant kingdom, as well as, other organisms generally included in the study of plants. Topics covered include: diversity of plant life, plant structure and function, growth and development, metabolism, reproduction, and evolution. The laboratory will supplement the Botany lecture. Laboratory work will include microscopic examination of typical plant cells and tissues, experiments to illustrate plant physiology and tissue culture experiences.

299 Special Topics in Biology

One to four credits. Prerequisite: General Biology 101-102 or permission of the instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in the Biological Sciences as agreed upon by the instructor and the student. The topic will be studied for an entire semester.

Business (BUS)

Business courses at Richard Bland College provide a general background in the field of business and accounting. Students planning to major in business should take BUS 201 and 202.

104 Introduction to Business

Lecture three hours or online course; three credits. The course presents elementary concepts in the major areas of business. Students learn how businesses function, the institutions of business, and the relationships of business and government. The course introduces students to various business careers.

201 Principles of Accounting I

First semester; three hours lecture; three credits. Co-requisite: Math 101 or placement into a Level 4 or 5 Math course. The course presents accounting principles and their application to service and merchandising businesses. The accounting cycle, income determination, and financial reporting are stressed. Sophomore status is recommended.

202 Principles of Accounting II

Second semester; three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: BUS 201. The course presents accounting principles and applications as they apply to partnerships and corporations. Analysis of financial data and introductory

cost and managerial accounting concepts are stressed.

299 Special Topics in Business

One to three hours lecture or directed study; one to three credits. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in business. May be repeated with different topics.

Chemistry (CHEM)

Chemistry courses at Richard Bland College provide the student with a comprehensive introduction into the composition and properties of materials. All chemistry courses and their associated laboratories can be applied to the core curriculum science requirement and are appropriate for transfer to senior institutions.

101-102 General Chemistry (Lecture)

Continuous course; three hours; three credits. Prerequisites: Placement into, completion of or current enrollment in MATH 101 or higher. Completion of corresponding Chemistry Lab is recommended. In order to meet the core curriculum natural science requirement, Chemistry Lecture and Lab must be completed. This course discusses atomic and molecular structure, chemical bonding, stoichiometry, states of matter, thermo-chemistry, chemical kinetics, equilibria, acid-base chemistry, electrochemistry, nuclear chemistry, and the descriptive chemistry of some elements.

101L-102L General Chemistry (Laboratory)

Continuous course; three hours; one credit. Prerequisite: Student must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in the corresponding Chemistry Lecture. Laboratory work to illustrate principles discussed in lecture. Laboratory includes experiments in synthesis, physicochemical properties, titrations, equilibria, and qualitative analysis.

110 Concepts of Chemistry (Lecture)

Three hours; three credits. Prerequisites: Math 100B (with a grade of C or higher), or placement into a level 3, 4, or 5 math course. Chemical concepts are discussed in the context of current societal issues. Completion of CHEM 110, together with CHEM 110L, will satisfy four credits of the core requirement in natural sciences. This course does not satisfy the prerequisites for advanced courses in chemistry and cannot be combined with CHEM 101 or 102 to complete degree requirements.

110L Concepts of Chemistry (Laboratory)

Three hours; one credit. Co-requisite: CHEM 110 (Lecture). Completion of CHEM 110L together with CHEM 110 will satisfy four credits of the core requirement in the natural sciences. Experimental work correlated with the CHEM 110 lecture course. This course does not satisfy the prerequisites for advanced courses in chemistry and cannot be combined with CHEM 101 or 102 to complete degree requirements.

230-231 Organic Chemistry

Continuous course; three hours lecture; three hours laboratory; four credits. Prerequisite: General Chemistry 101 Lecture and Lab-102 Lecture and Lab or consent of the instructor. The chemical and physical properties of organic compounds are related to molecular structure. The functional groups are studied systematically in the context of Lewis acid-base principles. Modern spectroscopic techniques are discussed.

299 Special Topics in Chemistry

One to three hours lecture, laboratory, or directed study; one to four credits. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in chemistry. May be repeated with different topics.

Computer Science (CSCI)

The computer science department wants to ensure that students are technology competent. Thus, students will be able to use current applications programs to locate and retrieve data from the Internet and other sources, analyze that data, extract conclusions and publish them in an appropriate and meaningful manner. Two courses in programming are offered for those intending to major in computer science.

103 Computer Keyboarding

Self-paced course; one credit. This course uses the personal computer to develop touch control of the keyboard and proper keyboarding techniques to build basic speed and accuracy skills. Not designed for transfer.

110 Computer Concepts

Three hours lecture or online; three credits. An introductory level course exploring the major areas of computer

technology. A broad range of topics will be covered, ranging from the beginnings of the computer to the Internet and web pages such as Facebook and MySpace. Business and industry issues will be explored including privacy, ethics, and security matters.

202 Computer Applications I

Three hours lecture or online; three credits. Prerequisite: A typing speed of 25 words per minute with zero errors. Includes Microsoft Windows, word processing, spreadsheet analysis, presentation graphics, internet exploration and research.

203 Computer Applications II

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: Successful completion of CSCI 202 or an equivalent background. Advanced Microsoft Office techniques in word processing, spreadsheet analysis, database management and query design, and presentation graphics.

Note: Computer Science 211 and 212 are designed for students who are planning to major in computer science.

211 Computer Programming I

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: Math 101 or equivalent or consent of the instructor. Introduction to programming and computer concepts. Emphasis will be on the programming language Java. Survey of computer applications and organization, characteristics of computer languages, the algorithmic approach and flowcharting. This course follows the ACM guidelines for CS 1.

212 Computer Programming II

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: CS 211. This course uses the Java language. Topics include details of Java, string processing, algorithmic analysis, data structures, input and output via a programmer designed graphical user interface and recursion. This course follows the ACM guidelines for CS 2.

299 Special Topics in Computer Science

One to three credits. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in computer science. May be repeated with different topics.

Economics (ECON)

Economics is the scientific study of the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services. The basic principles of macroeconomics and microeconomics comprise the course offerings at Richard Bland College.

201 Principles of Economics (Macro)

Three hours lecture; three credits. This is the first of the Principles of Economics sequence. Topics include economic problems of scarcity, theories of money and banking, Keynesian Model, inflation, employment, and economic growth.

202 Principles of Economics (Micro)

Three hours lecture; three credits. This is the second of the Principles of Economics sequence. Topics include pure competition, oligopoly, monopoly, monopolistic competition, labor, government regulation and the agricultural sector.

299 Special Topics in Economics

One to three credits. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in economics. May be repeated with different topics.

Education (EDUC)

Richard Bland College is committed to helping interested students prepare for careers in teaching. Through a partnership with Longwood University, RBC students can begin completing degree requirements while at Richard Bland.

200 Introduction to the Teaching Profession

Two hours lecture; two hours credit. Overview of the teaching profession, including lesson planning, current educational research, parental involvement, classroom assessments, effective classroom environment, and Virginia's Standards of Learning. Students also will gain an understanding of professional requirements such as PRAXIS and certification. Students considering teaching as a career are encouraged to take this course. Those completing EDUC 200 are eligible to begin their teaching practicum (school-based experiences) through Longwood.

English (ENGL)

English courses at Richard Bland College teach students to think critically, to write effectively, and to understand and appreciate literary traditions. A requirement of every English course is an acceptable standard of spoken and written English.

100 Developmental English

Three hours lecture; three credits. This course is not designed for degree or transfer credit. An examination of the rhetorical, linguistic, grammatical, and psychological principles of developing a successful writing process. Daily writing assignments. Designed to help students with writing problems prepare to meet the challenges and expectations of English 101. Students must earn a "C" or higher before moving to English 101.

101 Writing and Research

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: Placement through the admissions placement test or the student must earn a "C" or higher in English 100. Practice in formulating the thesis statement, outlining, sentence construction, paragraph and essay development, and responsible research techniques. Frequent paragraphs, essays, revisions, and a research paper.

102 Introduction to Literary Genres

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: English 101. Introduction to the three major literary genres and the techniques of literary analysis to heighten the student's appreciation and enjoyment of fiction, drama, and poetry. Continued emphasis on effective writing. Quizzes, essay examinations, critical essays.

200 The Craft of Researched Writing

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: English 101,102, and 24 credit hours. Practice in a variety of research techniques and in writing a longer researched essay. One 15-page researched essay, process papers, research tasks, research notebook, annotated bibliography in progress, and daily writing. Recommended for students transferring to writing-intensive majors such as history and English. Does not fulfill a humanities requirement for graduation.

201 Western World Literature

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: completion of English 101-102. Dominant literatures, ideas, conventions, attitudes, writers, and influence from Classical Antiquity and the Middle Ages through the Renaissance. Among authors and works studied are Homer, the Bible, the Greek playwrights, Virgil, the Song of Roland, Chaucer, Rabelais, Montaigne, Cervantes, Shakespeare, Donne, and Milton.

202 Western World Literature

Three hours lectures; three credits. Prerequisite: completion of English 101-102. Dominant literatures, ideas, conventions, attitudes, writers, and influences from Neoclassicism, Romanticism, Realism, and Naturalism to the Modern World. Among authors studied are Moliere, Voltaire, Madame de LaFayette, Goethe, Coleridge, Austin, Keats, Balzac, Browning, Whitman, Melville, Dostoevsky, Mann, Joyce, Kafka, Faulkner, Camus, Ellison, Solzhenitzen, and Garcia Marquez.

203 English Literature through the Eighteenth Century

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: completion of English 101-102. The literature of England from the Anglo-Saxon period through the eighteenth century, emphasizing representative authors and works and recurring themes, forms, and their variations within the historical context. Among authors and works studied are Beowulf, Chaucer, Spenser, Marlowe, Shakespeare, Donne, Milton, Swift and Pope.

204 English Literature: Romanticism to the Present

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: completion of English 101-102. The literature of England from the Romantic period to the present emphasizing representative authors and works and recurring themes, forms, and their variations within the historical context. Among authors studied are Burns, Wordsworth, Byron, Shelley, Keats, Tennyson, Browning, Hardy, Joyce, Eliot and Woolf.

205 American Literature through the Civil War

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: completion of English 101-102. American literature and its background from Native American oratory to 1865. Among authors studied are Franklin, Irving, Bryant, Hawthorne, Poe, Melville, Emerson, Thoreau and Whitman.

206 American Literature: Civil War to the Present

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: completion of English 101-102. American literature and its background since 1865. Among authors studied are Twain, Crane, Frost, Eliot, Pound, O'Neill, Williams, Faulkner, Hemingway, Fitzgerald, Plath and Dove.

210 Shakespeare

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: completion of English 101-102. Reading of representative histories, comedies, tragedies, and sonnets within their historical context, and in light of current critical viewpoints.

211 Contemporary Literature

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: completion of English 101-102. Reading of selected and related contemporary European, British, American or World prose, fiction, drama, or poetry.

212 Fantasy: Beowulf to the Present

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: completion of English 101-102. An introduction to and historical survey of fantasy literature, beginning with Beowulf and traced through contemporary literature. An examination of writing styles and thematic approaches that reflect the styles and approaches of "mainstream" literature. Authors studied include the Beowulf poet, Tennyson, Carroll, Grahame, Tolkien, Feist, McKillip, Jordan and others.

213 Science Fiction

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: completion of English 101-102. An examination of the philosophical, scientific, psychological, and literary aspects of science fiction from Mary Shelley's Frankenstein to the present. Authors include Shelley, Verne, Wells, Abbott, Stapledon, Asimov, Clarke, Dickson, Brin, Benford and others.

214 African-American Literature

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: completion of English 101-102. An introduction to and survey of the literature of African-American writers from 1746 to contemporary times. A historical study of literature from various periods such as the "Harlem Renaissance." Emphasis on literary themes, as well as genres such as "slave narratives." Authors include Phyllis Wheatley, Frederick Douglas, W.E.B. DuBois, Langston Hughes, James Baldwin, Rita Dove and Nobel Prize author Toni Morrison.

299 Special Topics in English

One to three credits. Study of a selected topic or literary genre in European, British, or American literature. Students are welcome to suggest a topic to any English instructor.

French (FREN)

Students are encouraged to continue with a modern foreign language begun in high school. A student with three or more high school years of a language should not register for the 101-102 level of that language without the consent of the instructor.

101-102 Elementary French I, II

Continuous course; four hours lecture; four credits each semester. Students with three or more high school years of French should register for French 201202. A student with two to three years of high school French may join French 102 in the second semester. Training in listening comprehension, pronunciation and conversation, vocabulary and idioms, reading, grammar, and composition.

201-202 Intermediate French I, II

Continuous course; three hours lecture; three credits each semester. Prerequisite: French 101-102 or three years of high school French. A student may join French 202 in the second semester with consent of the instructor. Emphasis will be placed on listening and comprehension, review and strengthening of vocabulary and idioms, grammar, verb forms, and increasing reading, composition and speaking ability.

Geography (GEO)

Geography analyzes global spatial arrangements and their causes and consequences. The geography courses at Richard Bland College focus on the major world regions and the relationships between geography and culture.

101 Major World Regions

Three hours lecture; three credits. This course is a survey regional geography. The interaction of cultural, economic,

political, physical and social processes in each of the world's major regions is explored and examined. Patterns, problems, and prospects in the world's principal human-geographic regions are discussed.

103 Cultural Geography

Three hours lecture; three credits. The course is structured to address human geography's core topics: population, cultural patterns and processes, the political organization of space, agricultural and rural land use, industrial and economic development and cities.

299 Special Topics in Geography

Either semester; one to three hours; one to three credits. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in Geography.

Government (GOVT)

Government courses focus on the organization and exercise of legitimate authority within the political process. The structure and function of American government and its influence in world affairs is the purpose of government courses at Richard Bland College.

201 American Government and Politics

Three hours lecture; three credits. This course provides students an introduction to American government and politics, emphasizing both the practical aspects of governmental operations and the understanding of politics as an ongoing, active process. Arranged topically, the course explores the nature and functions of government, politics, and governmental organization. Civil liberties, civil rights, the role of the media and industry, and public opinion are also covered.

202 The United States in World Affairs

Three hours lecture; three credits. A study of world politics and how it influences the United States and its relationship with other countries. The Cold War from containment to the Soviet collapse will be examined, but emphasis will be on current political, economic and social problems. Discussion of current affairs will be frequent and culminate with the International Forum at which time a series of distinguished representatives of foreign powers visit both the campus and the classroom. Students are expected to attend the International Forum evening programs.

203 Comparative Government and Politics

Three hours lecture; three credits. This course introduces the comparative analysis of politics. It studies the political cultures, structures and processes of politics in diverse parts of world in order to compare how the nations emerged and developed, how the culture of a society influences politics in that nation, and how various national structures affect a nation's ability to determine policy goals and attempt to implement them. It also seeks to bring some coherence to the analysis of an otherwise diverse array of system types, and to heighten sensitivity to matters of race, class, and gender and increase tolerance for different cultures.

253 State and Local Government

Three hours lecture; three credits. This course is designed to provide the student with a basic knowledge of how state and local governments work in the United States. Attention will be paid to how federalism — new or otherwise — impacts on these units of government. The course also examines the political actors — legislators, governors, interest groups — that affect state and local politics, as well as specific policy issues (e.g., education, poverty).

299 Special Topics in Government

One to three credits. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in Government.

Health (HLTH)

Health is the study of the principles of wellness at the individual, community, and societal levels. Health courses at Richard Bland College focus on health practices, nutrition, and wellness as a proactive strategy.

225 Health and Wellness

Lecture three hours or online course; three credits. A survey of principles for promoting and developing positive health attitudes and practices. Topics include emotional wellness, physical fitness, nutrition, weight management, addictive substances, chronic and infectious diseases, sexuality, and environmental health concerns.

245 Understanding Nutrition

A scientific study of nutrition designed for nursing students, other health care providers and educators. Students will investigate the roles of the nutrients in the functioning of the human body. Overview of nutrient recommendations, food sources and functions of the nutrients, energy requirements, weight control, vegetarianism, and supplement use. Dietary recommendations and food patterns applied to culture, and prevention of nutrition related diseases in a changing society. Co-registration Math 100B and English 100 or placement in Math 101 or higher and English 101, 3.0 grade point average for Fall, Spring, and Summer.

299 Special Topics in Health

One to three credits. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in Health.

History (HIST)

Recognizing that human experience is continuous, history seeks to understand how people have lived in the past, and how their institutions and leadership shaped their world and our own. Through the perspectives of the social sciences and the humanities, the study of history at Richard Bland College focuses on the processes of institutional change within societies with particular emphasis on Western Civilization and the United States.

101 Western Civilization to 1715

Three hours lecture; three credits. An introduction to the history of Western Civilization from the ancient world to the end of the 17th century. Particular emphasis is placed on political, economic, social and cultural developments and their influence in shaping our contemporary world. Co-requisite: enrollment in or completion of English 101.

102 Western Civilization since 1715

Three hours lecture; three credits. An introduction to the history of Western Civilization from the end of the 17th century to the present. Emphasis is placed on Western Europe and on the political, economic, social and cultural forces that increased and then diminished European dominance throughout the world. Co-requisite: enrollment in or completion of English 101.

201 American History to 1865

Three hours lecture; three credits. A survey of the history of the United States from the period of discovery to 1865. Emphasis will be on the Colonial Era, and the development of democracy and slavery. The course also covers the political and social aspects of American life, the territorial expansion of the United States, and the coming of the Great Rebellion.

202 American History since 1865

Three hours lecture; three credits. A survey of the history of the Republic from Reconstruction to the present. This course will focus on the emergence of a national culture, the rise of America to super-power status and the growing dispute over America's role in the world; in short, what is our destiny? Chronologically, we will look at Reconstruction, industrialization, immigration, the two world wars, and the evolution of American society and culture from the late 19th century to the present.

221 The Coming of the Civil War

Lecture three hours; three credits. From a central theme covering the causes of the Civil War, the course includes the history of the American frontier and antebellum social, military, economic and cultural developments.

222 The Civil War and Reconstruction

Three hours lecture; three credits. Major emphasis is placed upon the military campaigns. Other topics include wartime economic, monetary, and fiscal policies. Diplomacy, life in the army and on the home front during the war, and American culture during the 1860s are covered. The final section of the course deals with the era of Reconstruction from 1865 to 1877, with special emphasis on Virginia and the City of Petersburg.

240 Nazi Germany

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: Six credit hours of history, three of which may be concurrent enrollment, and/or permission of the instructor. Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Nazis knew, and with that knowledge they seized control of a modern industrial state. This course is the study of how a nation was brought to the brink of world conquest and of a small group of men who terrorized the western world on a scale unparalleled since the hordes of Genghis Khan stormed out of Asia. Supplemented with multimedia presentations,

this course will examine the rise of the Nazi Party, the road to war, the war itself, the Holocaust, and the end of European primacy in world affairs.

250 Modern America: U.S. History Since 1945

Three hours lecture; three credits. An investigation of the post-World War II political and social history of the United States. The course examines the major political events and movements of the last fifty years, including the Cold War, McCarthyism, the civil rights movement, the Great Society, Vietnam, the counter-culture, feminism, Watergate, and the resurgence of social and economical conservatism. It explores how ordinary Americans both shaped and were shaped by these events and movements as well as the relationship between politics and long-term developments in the American economy, society, and culture. Pre-requisites: Successful completion of English 101 and three credits in history.

270 The History of Modern Britain

Three hours lecture; three credits. Great Britain has a remarkably rich and complex history that gives it a leading place in both the "Western Tradition" and in world history. This course will provide a survey of the social, cultural, economic and political histories of Britain, and its empire, between 1780 to the present. During this period, Britain became a "modern," "liberal" state and the world's pre-eminent industrial and imperial power. As a result, this course also will examine how British culture, mores and values impacted not only peoples' lives in Britain, but also elsewhere. Prerequisites: A grade of "C" or higher in ENG 101 and HIST 101 or HIST 102.

276 The Vietnam Wars

Three hours lecture; three credits. A study of the United States' involvement in Vietnam from 1945 to 1975 and the military, political, social, and cultural causes and consequences of that involvement. The course places the American involvement in Vietnam within the context of the Cold War as well as the centuries-long, multinational struggle for supremacy in Southeast Asia. Prerequisites: Successful completion of English 101 and three credits in history.

281 Lincoln, Davis, Grant and Lee: The Last Year of the Civil War

The course is especially designed to suit the needs of educators teaching in grades K – 12 and is comprised of lectures, discussions, tours of the grounds and exhibits of Pamplin Historical Park & The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier, as well as two guided field trips. Topics include: Union and Confederate strategies in the east, the common soldier in the Civil War, civilian life in besieged Petersburg, farms on the battlefield, African Americans in the Civil War, and the presidential election of 1864. The course also includes two guided field trips exploring the critical Petersburg and Appomattox campaigns. In addition, the course will provide related student activities for use in the classroom as well as an opportunity to exchange ideas with fellow educators about teaching these important topics. 3 credits, no prerequisites, open to teachers seeking professional recertification.

282 Antebellum Slavery, the Civil War and Reconstruction

The course is especially designed to suit the needs of educators teaching in grades K – 12, and is comprised of lectures, discussions, tours of the grounds and exhibits of Pamplin Historical Park & The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier, as well as a field trip exploring Civil War Richmond. Topics include: North vs. South – Cultural Stereotypes, North vs. South – social, economic and political differences, slavery in antebellum Southern society, the antebellum debate about slavery, an overview of the American Civil War, Civil War soldier life, women in Civil War Richmond, teaching the Civil War with music, Civil War technology, and Reconstruction. In addition, the course will provide related student activities for use in the classroom as well as an opportunity to exchange ideas with fellow educators about teaching these important topics. 3 credits, no prerequisites, open to teachers seeking professional recertification.

296 History Internship

One to three credits. Prerequisites: Six credit hours of history, three of which may be concurrent enrollment, and permission of the instructor. The internship is an introductory course into the museum environment and will emphasize the importance of learned and applied history in a historical-related museum. The purpose of the internship is to provide students with the opportunity for pre-professional experience. Students will sign a course contract that states the exact requirements to receive full credit.

299 Special Topics in History

One to three credits. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in History.

International Educational Travel (EDTR)

Richard Bland College has long realized that knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of other peoples and their cultures are critical in the education of citizens entering the 21st century. As a result, the College has become

increasingly global in its extracurricular programming, study abroad, and student activities.

The International Forum is an annual series sponsored by the College and features visiting foreign dignitaries who give public addresses on some of the vital issues and problems of the day and meet in both formal and informal sessions with students. In the past twenty years, the College has hosted ambassadors from more than fifty countries.

Many faculty members have significant experience in studying, teaching, or working abroad. Faculty and staff have organized a variety of international study/travel programs to Central and South America, Western Europe, Russia, and Africa.

299 International Educational Travel

One to three credits. Organized group tour led by faculty or staff member, normally accompanied by a licensed courier/guide. Requirements for credits may be:

- One credit - attend orientation meetings on campus and take the tour
- Two credits - above, plus keep a detailed journal of activities and reactions to experiences on the tour
- Three credits - above, plus a research paper with the guidance of a professor at the College related to some aspect of the journey or other work required by the faculty member.

Internship Opportunities

Guidelines

An internship is an opportunity for a Richard Bland College student to gain practical experience and academic credit in a field of study by becoming actively engaged in performing job duties for an off-campus organization. The organization may be a government agency, a for-profit business, or a non-profit organization. An internship may be created for all disciplines in the Richard Bland College curriculum and will be designated as a 296 course in that discipline (i.e. Hist. 296)

The student must:

- 1.) be currently enrolled at the College and must have previously earned at least 15 hours college credit, either at RBC or another accredited institution of higher learning;
- 2.) have a grade point average for previous college work of 2.00 or better on a 4.00 point scale;

The student may:

- 1.) earn 1, 2, or 3 credit hours in the internship, as agreed upon in the written plan; minimum hours to be completed at the internship location: 1 credit hour, 50 intern hours; 2 credit hours, 100 intern hours, and 3 credit hours, 150 intern hours;
- 2.) earn as many as 3 credit hours by intern work, in any combination of 1-, 2-, or 3-credit internships; Internships will be coordinated through the Office of the Director of Academic and Institutional Effectiveness and Dean of Faculty.

Mathematics (MATH)

Mathematics courses at Richard Bland College are designed to promote critical thinking and analytical reasoning as they develop basic mathematical skills for beginning students in the liberal arts and sciences. There are five entry points into the mathematics curriculum for freshmen. The course in which each student enrolls is determined by the placement test score, high school mathematics courses completed, and desired major of the student.

Level 1 = MATH 100A

Level 2 = MATH 100B,

Level 3 = MATH 101, 105, 110

Level 4 = MATH 117, 207, or 217

Level 5 = MATH 201

Each student is required to take a placement test in mathematics before registering for any mathematics course, with the exception of students who choose to go directly into MATH 100A or students who have appropriate transfer mathematics credits. Courses may be taken at a lower than recommended level, but none may be taken at a higher

level without the written permission of the mathematics discipline coordinator.

Level 3 MATH 101 is the standard entry level for most college freshmen while some majors may allow MATH 105 and/or MATH 110.

Well-prepared students whose prospective majors require the traditional calculus sequence should take MATH 201 as soon as possible.

Students should be aware of the appropriate mathematics courses required for their planned majors and the four-year institutions to which they will transfer. If you have questions, ask your advisor or any math faculty member.

Credit will not be given for both MATH 201 and MATH 207 due to duplication of material.

MATH 101 is a college algebra course designed to prepare the student for more advanced courses in mathematics such as statistics, business calculus, finite mathematics, and pre-calculus.

MATH 105 and MATH 110 are designed as terminal mathematics courses for the non-science student.

MATH 201-202 is a calculus sequence for students who have successfully completed 3½ or 4 units of high school mathematics through trigonometry and have received the appropriate score on the placement test, or students who have completed MATH 117 with a grade of B or higher.

MATH 100A and 100B are review courses in basic and intermediate algebra. These non-degree credit, non-transfer developmental courses are designed for the student who has a weak mathematical background and is not prepared for college-level mathematics.

100A Basic Algebra

Three hours lecture, one and one-half hours laboratory; four credits. This course is not designed for degree or transfer credit. Recommended for the student with less than one year of high school algebra. Required for students who place at this level on the Mathematics Placement Test. A comprehensive review of basic algebra. Topics include computation using integers, polynomials, equations, applications of equations and graphs of linear equations. Must be followed by Math 100B.

100B Intermediate Algebra

Four hours lecture; four credits. This course is not designed for degree or transfer credit. Recommended for the student with less than two years of high school algebra. Required for students who place at this level on the Mathematics Placement Test or have completed Math 100A with a grade of C or higher. An intermediate algebra course designed to develop the mathematical proficiency necessary to study degree curriculum mathematics. Topics include factoring of polynomials, rational expressions, linear and quadratic equations, applications with equations, rational exponents and radicals.

101 College Algebra

Three hours lecture; three credits. Recommended for students with 2 or 3 units of high school mathematics who have received the appropriate score on the placement test, or students who have completed MATH 100B with a grade of C or higher. Topics include basic concepts of algebra, equations, inequalities, problem solving, and basic polynomial, rational, and exponential functions, with emphasis on graphing techniques, algebraic and numeric properties and applications.

105 Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: MATH 100B (with a grade of C or higher) or appropriate score on the placement test. This is a study of the nature and concepts of mathematics, designed primarily as a terminal course for the student who does not foresee any further need for mathematics courses. The content is selected to give the student a comprehensive view of the origins and evolutionary growth of the various branches of mathematics, and an appreciation of the role of mathematics as one of the major branches of human endeavor. Topics include sets, logic, metric system, systems of numeration, an introduction to geometry and consumer mathematics.

110 Contemporary Mathematics

Three hours; three credits. Prerequisite: MATH 100B (with a grade of C or higher) or appropriate score on the placement test. This course is designed primarily for the liberal arts student and will transfer as fulfilling the mathematics requirement at some four-year institutions, but not at others. It is intended to give the student an

appreciation of the wide applicability of mathematics to many fields of study. Topics include Euler circuits, Hamilton circuits, networks, the Fibonacci sequence, the Golden Ratio, population growth patterns, patterns in nature, voting schemes, and fair division schemes.

117 Pre-Calculus

Four lecture hours; four credits. Prerequisite: MATH 101 (grade of B or higher or approval of instructor with a grade of C) or appropriate score on the placement test. This course is designed for students who are planning to take the calculus sequence, MATH 201-202. Topics include functions and graphs, polynomial and rational functions, exponential and logarithmic functions, trigonometric functions, analytic trigonometry, applications of trigonometry and an introduction to limits.

201-202 Calculus

Continuous course. Four hours lecture, two hours laboratory; four credits each semester. Prerequisites: two years of high school algebra, plane geometry, trigonometry and appropriate score on the placement test, or completion of MATH 117 (grade of B or higher or approval of instructor with a grade of C). Topics include analytic geometry, limits and continuity of functions, derivatives and applications, anti-derivatives and techniques of integration, and improper integrals. (Credit will not be given for both MATH 201 and MATH 207).

203 Elementary Linear Algebra

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: MATH 117, or placement and/or enrollment in MATH 201. Topics include systems of linear equations, matrices, determinants, vector spaces, linear transformations, eigenvalues and applications.

204 Multivariable Calculus

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: MATH 202. Topics include parametric equations, infinite series, vectors, parametric equations, vector-valued functions, differentiation of functions of several variables, and multiple integrals.

207 Calculus for Business and Social Science

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: Placement Test or MATH 101 (grade of B or higher) consent of instructor with grade of "C". Not appropriate for majors in mathematics, computer science, engineering, physics, or chemistry. A course that emphasizes the applications of calculus in social, behavioral, or life sciences and business or management. Topics include limits and continuity of functions, the derivative and applications, exponential and logarithmic functions, and the definite integral and applications. (Credit will not be given for both MATH 201 and MATH 207).

217 Introductory Statistics

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: MATH101 (grade of C or higher) or appropriate score on placement test. A general introduction to random variables, descriptive statistics, sampling theory, estimation theory, tests of hypotheses, regression and correlation.

299 Special Topics in Mathematics

One to three credits. May be repeated for up to three credits. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in mathematics.

Music (MUS)

Music courses at Richard Bland College support the liberal arts by providing a basic understanding of the role of music in social and cultural development. In addition, performance opportunities exist in choral and instrumental music.

103 Music Appreciation

Three hours lecture; three credits. Important in the general education of the college student who is not a music major, the course provides the foundation for a lifetime of broadening experiences in the enjoyment of music. The course presents the element, structure, and history of music with major emphasis on developing listening skills and acquiring a basic repertoire of varied examples of music literature.

299 Special Topics in Music

One to three credits. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in music.

Philosophy (PHIL)

Philosophy is the art of critical reflection on fundamental questions concerning the nature of reality, value and knowledge. The Philosophy courses at Richard Bland College provide students with an overview of the canonical positions and theories which have shaped the major Euro-American and Asian philosophical traditions, as well as with the opportunity to develop the analytic skills of argumentation and evaluation. The critical reasoning skills emphasized in Philosophy have aided students who have gone on to pursue careers in diverse fields, including: academia, government, writing and law.

101 Introduction to Philosophy

Three hours lecture; three credits. Co-requisites: English 101 & Mathematics 101. This course is intended to serve as an introduction to Philosophy as an academic field of study, an art of personal reflection, and a tool for dialogue. In this light, it examines a few perennial philosophical questions and the major arguments and positions which fall under these, questions which fall under these, questions such as: *Who am I? What is a person? Are we really free? Is there life after death? What sort of meaning is possible in life?* Films and literature may be utilized to reveal how the art of philosophical reflection extends beyond canonical philosophical texts. Emphasis will be placed on critical justification and evaluation.

121 Critical Thinking

Three lecture hours; three credits. Co-requisites: English 101 & Mathematics 101. This course is intended to introduce students to the *art of critical thinking, the careful and deliberate determination about whether to accept, reject, or suspend judgment about a claim.* As with the acquiring of any skills, practice is essential. Hence, exercises both inside and outside of class will be required. The course will include examinations of the concepts of 'argument' and 'evidence,' common fallacies in reasoning, techniques of Categorical and Proposition logic to assess deductive validity, and techniques for assessing inductive strength. Attention will be given to the application of critical thinking skills to the evaluation of claims found outside academia, including newspaper editorials and issues centering around the "paranormal" (e.g., ESP, reincarnation, UFO's, channeling).

201 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: English 101 & Mathematics 101; recommend Philosophy 121. Humans have always sought answers to fundamental questions about the nature of reality and value. However, it is the subjugation of these "answers" to critical standards of justification and evaluation which is the hallmark of Philosophy. This course will highlight the birth of this methodology in the Ancient civilizations of India, China, Greece, and Rome, and follow its development in the Medieval period in Europe and Asia. Emphasis will be placed on careful interpretation and evaluation of canonical texts.

202 Modern Philosophy

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: English 101 & Mathematics 101; recommended Philosophy 121. Philosophy is associated with fundamental questions: metaphysical questions concerning the nature and origin of the universe and the individual; epistemological questions concerning the nature of truth and nature and possibility of knowledge; and ethical questions concerning the nature of the moral judgments. However, more fundamentally, Philosophy is a method of inquiry – a *critical* method where speculation and dogmatic acceptance is replaced by a concern for evidence and rational justification. While this method was not invented in the Modern period (17th-20th centuries), it was resurrected and extended in this period. This course will highlight the rebirth of this method within the Modern philosophical tradition of Europe and America, as well as noting comparisons between this tradition and contemporary Asian philosophical views. Emphasis will be placed on careful interpretation and evaluation of canonical texts.

203 Introduction to Ethics

Three hours lecture; three credits. Co-requisites: English 101 & Mathematics 101; recommended English 101. This course is intended to acquaint students with the practical relevance of ethics within everyday life and to aid them in cultivating the skills inherent in ethical reasoning. Emphasis will be placed on the *usefulness* of major ethical theories in facilitating personal reflection and interpersonal dialogue, via detailed examinations of opposing ethical arguments over several contemporary moral issues, such as: war & terrorism, punishment & the death penalty, world poverty & hunger, abortion & cloning, animal rights and environmentalism. Attention is given to the application of ethics to the evaluation of moral claims found outside academia, including newspaper editorials.

270 Introduction to Asian Religious Thought

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: English 101 & Mathematics 101; recommended Phil 101 or Rel 201.

This course is intended to serve as an introduction to some of the methods, issues & theories associated within major Asian philosophical religious systems, focusing on Vedantic Hinduism, Early Buddhism, Philosophical Taoism, & Zen Buddhism. Perennial issues which will be addressed include: the Nature of Sacred, the relationship between the Sacred and the self, life and death, happiness and meaning and morality. In addition to the content of the course, students should find the analytic “tools” utilized in the course helpful in all courses of study requiring critical thinking as well as in assessing the plethora of arguments and pseudo-reasoning which pervade everyday life. Films and literature will be utilized to reveal how the themes of the course extend beyond canonical religious texts. Personal reflection and group discussion exercises will also be required. This course will only satisfy one discipline to complete the Associate Degree requirement.

299 Special Topics in Philosophy

One to three credits. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in Philosophy.

Physical Education (PE)

The physical education curriculum is designed to provide instruction in a wide variety of lifetime fitness and wellness activities. Courses are selected on the basis of health-related and skill-related fitness components and safety. Students pursuing the A.A. or A.S. degree at Richard Bland College are required to take PE 120 Fitness and Wellness course (2 credits) as part of the core curriculum. No more than two additional one hour PE credits (two one-credit classes) may be used as elective credits.

Students planning to pursue a bachelor’s degree are advised to check the Physical Education requirement of the institution to which they wish to transfer.

Further information on other combinations of PE credits for readmitted and transfer students is available in the Registrar’s Procedure’s Manual located in the Office of the Registrar.

120 Fitness and Wellness/Cross Training

Three hours lecture/activity: two credits. This course is designed to establish a clear understanding of basic concepts of wellness, and to adopt and maintain a program of prescribed physical exercise.

PE Electives

The following electives in physical education do not fulfill the degree requirement in physical education, but may be used as electives to meet graduation requirements.

120-190 Activities

One credit. A total of 2 credit hours may be used as electives towards graduation. A specific course may not be repeated for additional credit. These courses are all activity courses and only some of them will be offered during any semester. Examples of potential courses are: **Team sports:** basketball, volleyball, flag football, soccer; **Individual sports:** tennis, golf and bowling; **Physical fitness:** jogging, weightlifting, aerobics, jazz dancing; **Outdoors:** hiking, canoeing, bicycling, scuba, horseback riding.

Physics (PHYS)

Physics is a fundamental science concerned with understanding the natural phenomena that occur in the physical universe. At Richard Bland College, basic courses are offered for both general students and those preparing for more advanced studies in the physical sciences and engineering. These courses fulfill the core curriculum requirement in science.

101-102 College Physics

Continuous course; three hours lecture; three hours laboratory; four credits. PHYS 101 must be completed prior to enrolling in PHYS 102. Prerequisite: completion of MATH 101 with a grade of B or higher or placement into a Level 4 or 5 Math Course. College Physics is an introductory physics course (using algebra and trigonometry, but not calculus) commonly taken by general students and those planning to major in various life science areas. This is not intended for those students who are planning to major in engineering or the physical sciences. Topics covered in PHYS 101 include kinematics, Newton’s laws, energy and momentum conservation, and rotational motion. Topics covered in PHYS 102 include, thermodynamics, electricity and magnetism. Special emphasis is placed on developing problem solving skills using multiple representations. Extensive use is made of microcomputer-based laboratories. Students who take PHYS 101-102 cannot get credit for PHYS 201-202.

201-202 University Physics

Continuous course; four hours lecture; three hours laboratory; five credits. PHYS 201 must be completed prior to taking PHYS 202. Prerequisite/Co-requisite: MATH 201-202. (It is recommended that MATH 201-202 be completed prior to this course, if possible.) University Physics is a vector calculus-based introductory physics course for engineering and physical science majors. Topics covered in PHYS 201 include kinematics, Newton's laws, energy and momentum conservation, and rotational motion. Topics covered in PHYS 202 include thermodynamics, electricity and magnetism. Special emphasis is placed on developing problem solving skills using multiple representations.

Extensive use is made of microcomputer-based laboratories. Students taking PHYS 201-202 cannot get credit for PHSY 101-102.

299 Special Topics in Physics

Either semester; one to three hours; one to three credit hours. Prerequisite: Consent of the Instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in Physics.

Psychology (PSY)

Psychology is the scientific study of individual processes of thinking, feeling, and acting. At Richard Bland College, courses in general psychology are offered along with a number of upper level courses dealing with specific topics designed for nurses, education majors, psychology majors, or students wanting to learn more about psychology.

101 Psychology of Effective Learning

Three hours lecture and active learning; three credits. A general elective course utilizing principles of human cognition and learning to actively engage students in assessing and deploying their own learning style. The student is exposed to a variety of structured group exercises, demonstrations and lectures designed to promote autonomous thought and efficient problem solving. The course develops an awareness of the relationship between education, identity, and the influence of psychosocial factors and developmental tasks in learning and cognition. The course concludes with student presentations characterizing her/his preferred modes of learning, value choices and potential vulnerabilities. This course will not fulfill the social science degree requirement.

201-202 General Psychology

Three hours lecture; three credits each semester. Basic principles of psychology as a behavioral social science. The course includes the study of psychology in everyday life, as a basic and applied science, the theoretical approaches, and as a profession. Topics covered in the first semester (201) are learning and thinking processes, workings of the mind and body, awareness of the world, motivation, emotion, states of consciousness and human development.

The second semester (202) includes such topics as human relations, theories of personality, positive adjustment to contemporary society, disorders, therapy and change, psychological testing and applications of psychology. Students taking 201-202 cannot get credit for Psychology 210. There are no prerequisites for Psychology 201 or 202.

210 A Survey of Psychology

Three hours lecture; three credits. A survey course in psychology providing a broad spectrum of areas of interest, bridging the gap between principles and theories and the real world. Psychology 210 is designed to meet the needs of introductory-level students. Students should consult the transfer guide for the senior institution they plan to attend to determine if the one-semester or two-semester course is required for their area of study. Students taking this course cannot get credit for Psychology 201-202.

250 Developmental Psychology

Three hours lecture; three credits. It is recommended that the student complete Survey of Psychology 210, or Psychology 201-202. The study of the biological, intellectual, emotional, personality, and social factors affecting the psychological development of the individual from conception throughout the life span. This course may be used to fulfill teacher certification requirements.

260 Psychology of Personality Theories

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: Psychology 201-202 or permission of the instructor. The systematic study of various approaches to understanding human behavior in terms of personality theories. Personality theories of Freud, Jung, From, Erickson, Allport, Skinner, Maslow, Rogers, May and others will be examined in detail.

291 Psychology of Adjustment

Three hours lecture; three credits. The study of the normal and pathological factors in psychological development as

they relate to the effective and fully functioning individual. A positive approach to maintaining good mental health will be emphasized by discussion and personal application.

292 Stress Management

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: Psychology 201-202 or Survey of Psychology 210 or permission of the instructor. An introduction to the theory and practice of stress-management. Research and application of the physical and psychological aspects of stress reaction and its management. Emphasis on relaxation techniques and cognitive restructuring methods of managing stress.

295 Human Sexuality

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: Psychology 201-202, Survey of Psychology 210 or permission of the instructor. The systematic study of biological, psychological and sociological aspects of human sexual behavior and health throughout the life span. Films and discussions will consist of explicit sexual behaviors. Students must be 18 years of age or older to enroll in this course.

299 Special Topics in Psychology

Either semester; one to three hours; one to three credits. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in Psychology.

RBC 101 (Academic Planning)

RBC 101 (3 mandatory meetings - 1 credit hour) engages students in the three stages of informed planning concerning their academic, career, and transfer goals: goal identification and clarification, goal assessment, and strategic planning. Course requirements are outlined in the syllabus and include mandatory attendance at three scheduled class sessions. Further course requirements will be satisfied through independent study and review in meetings with the student's course instructor who will also serve as their academic advisor. The course will culminate in the development of an Academic and Career Portfolio which students will be encouraged to maintain and further develop throughout their academic journey. Enrollment in a section of RBC 101 is **required for all full-time, first-time and degree seeking students** and is only available to those students. This course cannot be dropped or audited, unless the student drops to part-time status. **The course cannot be repeated.** The course will satisfy one elective credit and the grade will affect the student's term and cumulative grade point averages.

- **Full-time** refers to students enrolled in 12 or more credit hours (including RBC 101).
- **First-time** refers to students enrolled in their first semester at RBC and upon admission to the college have not been enrolled in any other college course after graduating from High School.
- **Degree-seeking** refers to students who have indicated that they plan to complete the requirements for an Associate degree at Richard Bland College.

Religion (REL)

Religion is fundamental to human existence and culture; it pervades the lives of a majority of humans, providing solace, guidance, communion, and hope. Religious Studies is the attempt to systematically and analytically study this phenomenon, drawing on an array of academic disciplines, including anthropology, sociology, psychology, linguistics, geography, history, philosophy, and archeology, among others. Religion courses at Richard Bland College provide students with an overview of the beliefs and practices of the major world religions, as well as with an introduction to this inter-disciplinary field of study.

201 Introduction to Religion

Three hours lecture; three credits. Co-requisite: English 101& Mathematics 101. Religion is and has been fundamental to human existence, providing solace, guidance, communion and hope. This course will examine: the conceptual boundaries of 'religion,' the relation between religious intuition and rationality, different conceptions of the 'the Sacred,' psychological and sociological theories concerning *religious belief / faith*, secularist and functionalist approaches to the study of religion, phenomenological theories of *religious experience* and ritual, and the role which religious attitudes and perceptions play in grounding moral convictions and providing human life with a sense of meaning.

Students will be encouraged to reflect on their own religious beliefs and experiences, and various art mediums (music, poetry, short-stories, film, etc.) will be utilized to examine these religious themes.

209 Comparative Religion

Three hours lecture; three credits. An historical investigation of the world's major religions (Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Christianity). Attention will be given to the origins, history, mythology, and culture of various belief

systems.

210 Social History of Christianity (formally 210 Christianity)

Three hours lecture; three credits. An investigation of the development of Christianity from the first century to the present. The inquiry will focus on pivotal theological controversies and sociocultural issues that have shaped Christian history. Particular consideration will be given to such topics as the differences between the Western and Eastern traditions, monasticism, the Reformation and Counter-Reformation, and the Enlightenment. Students will visit four churches to experience the differences in art, architecture, and worship that result from different historical paths. This course will examine the relationship between theological problems and the historical-cultural conditions from which they emerge.

219 History and Religion of Israel

Three hours lecture; three credits. The course traces the history of the people of Israel by exploring the Hebrew Bible and other ancient texts. These texts reveal a sacred history that wraps together their history and faith into an intricately woven story of a people's struggle to understand themselves and their God. Throughout the course students will examine the texts historically and theologically in order to better understand the triumphs and struggles of the people of Israel and the impact religion had on their self-understanding.

220 New Testament World

Three hours lecture; three credits. The course examines the writings of the New Testament from a historical critical approach through the use of the New Testament and other historical evidence. Through this method students will learn about the impact of Hellenization in the Roman world of the first century, and the struggles of the beginnings of the Christian faith searching for meaning and its own identity apart from its Jewish roots.

254 Religion in Contemporary America

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: English 100; recommended English 101. At the beginning of the 21st century, the expressions of religious belief and the roles which religious belief play in the lives of Americans are more varied than ever. This course will examine the current state of organized religion in the United States, via an analysis of religious traditions/denominations which are growing and traditions/denominations which are in decline, as well as various psychological, sociological, and phenomenological theories which attempt to ascertain why religion remains so influential in the lives of so many Americans. Students will be encouraged to compare and contrast the various religious views and practices that we will encounter with their own.

270 Introduction to Asian Religious Thought

Three hours lecture; three credits. Prerequisite: English 101 & Mathematics 101; recommended Phil 101 or Rel 201. This course is intended to serve as an introduction to some of the methods, issues & theories associated within major Asian philosophical religious systems, focusing on Vedantic Hinduism, Early Buddhism, Philosophical Taoism, & Zen Buddhism. Perennial issues which will be addressed include: the Nature of Sacred, the relationship between the Sacred and: the self, life and death, happiness and meaning and morality. In addition to the content of the course, students should find the analytic "tools" utilized in the course helpful in all courses of study requiring critical thinking as well as in assessing the plethora of arguments and pseudo-reasoning which pervade everyday life. Films and literature will be utilized to reveal how the themes of the course extend beyond canonical religious texts. Personal reflection and group discussion exercises will also be required. This course will only satisfy one discipline to complete the Associate Degree requirement.

299 Special Topics in Religion

One to three credits. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in Religion.

Sociology (SOC)

Sociology is the scientific study of human interaction. The sociology courses at Richard Bland College provide a basic overview of human behavior in a number of settings.

201 General Sociology

Three hours lecture; three credits. An introduction to the scientific study of human society. The course provides a foundation of basic theories and research methods that influence the study of culture, socialization, stratification, deviance and social institutions. The sequential course to SOC 201 is SOC 204.

204 Social Problems

Three hours lecture; three credits. This course examines a range of problematic issues facing society. Conflicting

perspectives, research findings, theoretical explanations and societal responses will be discussed regarding such issues as: distribution of resources, national security, the environment, race, gender, family, the medical industry and the justice process.

250 Criminology

Three hours lecture; three credits. This course focuses on the role and functions of the justice bureaucracy as a means of social control. Evolution of justice system agencies, development of occupational subcultures and a range of factors influencing decision-making throughout the system will be addressed.

253 Marriage and the Family

Three hours lecture; three credits. An analysis of the relationships in premarital, marital, and post-marital situations. The wide range of topics considered include: gender roles, mate selection, evolving family structures, parenting, communication techniques, domestic abuse, divorce, non-marital lifestyles, and remarriage.

299 Special Topics in Sociology

One to three credits. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in Sociology.

Spanish (SPAN)

Students are encouraged to continue with a modern foreign language begun in high school, or to study a new language. Generally, students with two years of high school Spanish should join Spanish 102 in the spring semester. Consult the Spanish instructor if you are uncertain about appropriate placement.

101-102 Elementary Spanish I, II

Continuous course; four hours participation; four credits each semester. For students who have not acquired two high school units in Spanish. Training in pronunciation, oral comprehension, basic grammar, and composition. NOTE: Students for whom Spanish is their first language cannot receive academic credit for these courses.

201-202 Intermediate Spanish I, II

Continuous course; three hours participation; three credits each semester. Prerequisite: Spanish 101, 102, or two units of high school Spanish. Review of grammar and syntax, training in conversation and composition, and reading from the works of modern authors.

299 Special Topics in Spanish

One to three credits. Prerequisite: Spanish 202 or consent of the instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic(s) in Spanish (e.g., literature, culture, history, composition and/or conversation).

Speech (SPCH)

Speech courses at Richard Bland College provide the basic skills used in oral communication. The ability to effectively communicate through oral channels is useful component that an educated individual will find useful in the future.

101 Public Speaking

Three hours lecture and student presentations; three credits. A practical course in preparing and delivering speeches. The development of a basic idea by research and thought as well as its preparation, organization, and delivery style is stressed. Additional historical background as well as material addressing perception, language, listening, audiences and non-verbal communication is covered.

201 Interpersonal Communication

Three hour lecture and student presentations; three credits. A practical course in the theories and elements involved in interpersonal communication. Study of the factors, which influence our ability to effectively communicate, development of relationships, the role of the self in communication, the resolution of conflict and communication on the job and in daily life.

299 Special Topics in Speech

One to three credits. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in speech.

Theatre Arts (THEA)

Richard Bland College promotes an appreciation of theatre in support of our understanding of cultural traditions. The courses in theatre provide the students a fundamental background in aesthetic principles, theories, history and traditions of the theatre. Opportunities to participate in the various aspects of theatre production and performance are available.

115 An Introduction to Acting

Three hours lecture and practical presentation; three credits. A concentration on the fundamentals of acting with practical application through improvisation, monologues and scenes prepared for classroom presentation.

132-133 Theatre Practicum

One credit hour per semester. No more than two credits may be applied to the Associate Degree. A practical course in which the student gains a greater understanding of theatre, by actively participating in a production by The Richard Bland College Players, either onstage or backstage.

201 Theatre: A Contemporary and Historical Introduction

Three hours lecture; three credits. An analytical approach to the understanding and appreciation of theatre as an art form. The course is designed for both prospective theatre majors and non-theatre students who wish to improve their understanding of theatre, both historically and aesthetically. The course will consist of lecture and discussion sessions concerning the major historic periods in theatre, with representative plays being studied. No acting is required for this class.

299 Special Topics in Theatre

One to three credits. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in theatre.