

Alternative/ Nontraditional Classes

Study Abroad

Rio Hondo College is a member of the Southern California Foothill Consortium that currently offers two study abroad experiences each year that provide students with a unique opportunity to enrich their education. In fall, students study in London, England and in spring, Salamanca, Spain. Students enroll in classes, receive transferable general education units and can apply for financial aid and scholarships to help with the costs. Program courses and activities are geared toward taking advantage of the international location, and students gain invaluable multi-cultural experience by living and learning outside the United States. For more information, visit the college web site: www.riohondo.edu/commlang/studyabroad/

Distance Education: Online Courses

Rio Hondo College offers students the opportunity to take college courses over the Internet through its Virtual College. Online courses offer the same curriculum as traditional classes except students may obtain lectures, class materials, communicate with the instructor, participate in class discussions and complete assignments via the Internet anywhere and at anytime. Rio Hondo's Virtual College offers students a variety of online courses to fulfill general education and transfer requirements for the University of California, California State Universities and other private universities. Online registration, counseling, tutoring and library support services are available. The instruction provided as distance education (Virtual College) is subject to the requirements that may be imposed by the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §12100 et seq.) and section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, (29 U.S.C. § 794d). For further information check the Class Schedule, visit the Virtual College web site at <http://online.riohondo.edu> or call (562) 463-3218.

Continuing Education & Contract Education Classes

The Continuing Education Office brings customized Professional Development business, and short-term training to the community and local businesses. Training programs are designed to meet specific needs of the organization. Professional development courses and workshops are offered on campus, in the community, online, and are available to community members and employees of area businesses. Programs include computer applications, small business workshops, career development, supervision,

international business, environmental technology, pharmacy technician, personal development and more. Contract Training can be conducted at a company site or at the college training facilities. Bilingual training programs are also provided.

FREE training is available for companies that qualify through the Employment Training Panel program. Various training programs such as Total Quality Management, Customer Service, Production Techniques, Office Automation, Team Concepts, Statistical Process Control, English-as-a-Second Language, etc. are available. For information, please refer to the Continuing Education Class Schedule, our web page [http://www.riohondo.edu/Continuing Education](http://www.riohondo.edu/ContinuingEducation), or call (562) 908-4606.

Weekend College

The Weekend College is designed for working adults who wish to take classes towards a degree, transfer, or personal enrichment and improvement. Saturday classes are scheduled each semester. Refer to the Class Schedule for further information.

Mathematics & Sciences Center (MSC)

The Mathematics & Science Center (MSC) offers coursework in MATH 020, MATH 030, MATH 050, and MATH 070. Courses are divided into modules and students work on one module at a time. Courses are sequential and are equivalent to classes offered in lecture format. This format allows for differences in the pace at which a student may complete a course.

Intensive English Language Academy

The Intensive English Language Academy (IELA) at Rio Hondo College provides immersion-based, learner-centered English language instruction to students from diverse backgrounds. The IELA is primarily geared toward International students with TOEFL scores below 450, preparing to enter college level instruction. However, all English language learners are welcome to enroll.

Four sequential levels of instruction are offered: Beginning, Intermediate Low, Intermediate High and Advanced, in eight-week sessions. Students are initially placed based on their TOEFL score and can possibly progress through the entire program sequence in one academic year, from September through May. Summer instruction may also be available.