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## ***Transfer Programs***

Students whose goal is to transfer to a four-year institution should identify which transferable courses are required for both their major and general education. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with a counselor to develop an academic program best suited for their transfer institution and intended major.

Assistance in developing a transfer educational plan is advisable through contact with the counselor. Faculty members are valuable contacts in providing information related to a student's career or college choice.

The Transfer Center is another valuable resource for students interested in transferring. The following services are available in the Transfer Center: Transfer Counseling, Application Workshops, Appointments with University Representatives, University Campus Tours, Transfer Fairs, Transfer Workshops, Resource materials, Transfer Conference, and Computer resource lab.

Rio Hondo College offers courses similar to courses in the lower division (i.e., first two years) of four-year universities. Course requirements for graduation vary from one institution to another; it is to a student's advantage to choose his or her transfer university as early as possible. Students are advised to complete the courses at Rio Hondo College that best satisfy the lower-division course requirements of their particular transfer institution. Lower-division course requirements typically include a set of "general education" courses and a sequence of courses in the student's chosen major known as "major preparatory".

## ***Planning a Transfer Program***

Each four-year institution has its own basic pattern of lower-division requirements regarding both general education and specific majors. These requirements vary from college to college and often change from year to year. Rio Hondo College has articulated courses with the California State University and University of California campuses as well as independent colleges and universities.

The Transfer Center has a listing of requirements for completing the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC), CSU – General Education Breadth, and other general education patterns. In addition, there are computers for student use to access information on the Internet regarding the college of their choice.

Students may also utilize ASSIST, the statewide repository of articulation information offering easy access to a single computerized database of student transfer information ([www.ASSIST.org](http://www.ASSIST.org)). The database includes IGETC and CSU GE Breadth lists as well as articulation agreements for many California public post-secondary institutions (community colleges, CSUs and UCs).

Students who plan to transfer to one of the California four-year colleges or universities should plan their program at Rio Hondo College to include the required lower-division courses of the four-year institution. Students should work closely with counselors when choosing courses at Rio Hondo College. It is possible, in most cases, to fulfill both major and general education lower-division requirements for the college or university of their choice as well as the requirements for the associate degree at Rio Hondo College.

## ***Impacted Programs***

The term impacted, when applied to a program or major, means that the program usually attracts many more applicants than it can accept. Consequently, there are special requirements and selection procedures for admission. Students intending to transfer and pursue these majors should consult with a counselor and visit the transfer center to request its most recent admissions information.

## ***Transferring to California State University (CSU)***

The California State University system consists of 23 campuses located throughout the state. Admission representatives from local CSU campuses visit the Rio Hondo College Transfer Center on a regular basis. Please check with the Transfer Center for more detailed information.

Each California State University (CSU) campus has its own general education and major requirements. Therefore, students should work with a counselor to first select a particular CSU campus and then formulate a strategy for completing that campus' general education requirements, major requirements, and admission requirements.

Courses transferable to CSU campuses are identified in the course description in this Catalog and in the Class Schedule. Courses identified as meeting major preparation are listed in the ASSIST articulation database, which can be viewed at [www.ASSIST.org](http://www.ASSIST.org).

Students that have completed 60 transferable semester

units (90 quarter units) with a 2.0 grade point average (2.4 for non-resident students) completed by the time of entry to a CSU, are considered an upper division applicant. Applicants are eligible for admission to a CSU if they:

1. Are in good standing at the last college or university attended AND
2. Have completed, or will complete prior to transfer at least 30 semester units of general education requirements, with grades of "C" or better. The 30 semester units must include one course in written communication, one course in oral communication, one course in critical thinking, and one transferable course in mathematics. All of these courses must be completed with a "C" or better (see Area A and B4 on the Rio Hondo College CSU-GE pattern or Areas 1 and 2 on IGETC)

Certain "impacted" programs, which have more applicants than there are spaces available, have additional screening requirements. Visit the Transfer Center for more details.

*Note: Some CSU campuses may accept a limited number of lower-division transfer applicants (applicants with fewer than 60 transferable units). Lower-division transfer applicants will be held to specified CSU eligibility standards. Check with a counselor and CSU mentor: [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu) for details.*

A maximum of 70 semester units earned at a community college may be transferred to the CSU; however, courses in excess of 70 semester units will receive subject credit and will be applied to satisfy content requirements as appropriate. No upper-division credit is allowed for courses taken at a community college.

## ***Associate Degree for Transfer – A Degree with a Guarantee***

The new joint transfer program from the California Community Colleges and the California State Universities makes it easier for students to transfer. For the first time in California's history, community college students who complete an AA-T or AS-T degree will be guaranteed admission to the California State University (CSU) system. With this new degree, you have the opportunity to complete two degrees with only 120 units if you apply and are admitted into a similar degree program.

Through the new program, students who complete an AA-T or AS-T degree will be given a special GPA advantage when applying to CSU impacted campuses or majors.

Students with an AA-T or AS-T degree enter the CSU system with junior standing. Students who are admitted to a program that has been deemed similar will need only 60 more semester units (or 90 quarter units) to complete a bachelor's degree.

Meet with a counselor to help you identify an AA-T or AS-T degree that might be right for you.

### ***CSU-GE Certification***

A Certification means that Rio Hondo College has verified that a student has completed the lower-

division general education requirements for the CSU. For full certification, students must complete 39 units from Categories A through E of the CSU General Education Requirements with a 2.0 GPA.

Certification from a community college is important because without it, students will be held to the general education requirements specific to the CSU campus to which they are transferring. Once the student is certified the CSU campus will identify the student as having completed the lower-division requirements. (Please note that 9 units of up-division general education courses must be completed at the CSU after transfer.) For full certification, a minimum of nine units must be completed in each of Areas A, B, C, and D and one course must be completed in Area E from the CSU-GE pattern. Courses in Area A and Area B4 must be completed with a "C" or better. The overall grade-point average for the remainder of the courses must be at least a 2.0.

Students who have completed general education courses at other colleges are advised to see a counselor for information regarding a pass-along petition. Foreign coursework may not be used for certification on the CSU-GE requirements.

It is the student's responsibility to request certification. To obtain the certification, students must file a Transcript Request Form at the Office of Admissions and Records. The final transcript and general education certification will then be sent to the CSU. To certify courses from another college, students must meet with a counselor. All transcripts from college previously attended should be on file with the Office of Admissions and Records before certification is granted.

Because the requirements for a particular major may differ from one CSU campus to another, and because requirements may change yearly, students must consult regularly with a counselor when selecting courses.

## ***CSU Application***

Applications for admission to the CSU system are available online at [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu). Applications to impacted programs must be filed during the priority-filing period. Applications should be filed as early as possible to ensure priority consideration.

## ***CSU Application Filing Periods***

Students are encouraged to attend an application workshop before beginning the application process. Visit the Transfer Center for a workshop schedule. Applications are to be submitted one year prior to transferring. The priority filing periods are:

*Semester System Campuses*  
Fall Semester: October 1-November 30  
Spring Semester: August 1-31

*Quarter System Campuses*  
Fall Quarter: October 1-November 30  
Winter Quarter: June 1-30

Spring Quarter: August 1-31

Summer Quarter: February 1-28

## CSU General Education Breadth Course Requirements

The CSU GE Breadth is an agreement between Rio Hondo and the CSU campuses regarding general education requirements. This list of courses is regularly updated. Students can complete these courses to fulfill their lower-division, general education requirements at a community college before they transfer to a CSU campus. The CSU GE Breadth is **not** the only one way to fulfill the lower-division, general education requirements for the CSU. Students may also use the IGETC to fulfill lower-division general education requirements at the CSU (see in this catalog.) Courses taken by students for CSU GE Certification must be selected from the following list:

### AREA A: English Language Communication and Critical Thinking:

Choose one course from each group.  
(9 units minimum)

- A1: Oral Communication  
SPCH 100, 101, 102, 140
- A2: Written Communication  
ENGL 101
- A3: Critical Thinking  
ENGL 201, 201H  
PHIL 110, 112  
READ 101  
SPCH 140

### AREA B: Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning:

Choose one course from each group; one of the science courses must include a laboratory (indicated by \*). (9 units minimum)

#### B1: Physical Science

- ASTR 110, 110H, 112\*, 114\*
- CHEM 101, 101L\*, 110\*, 120\*, 130\*, 131, 131L\*, 230\*, 231\*
- GEOG 101, 101L\*
- GEOL 150, 151\*
- PHY 120\*, 150\*, 160\*, 211\*, 212\*, 213\*
- PHYS 101\*, 102\*

#### B2: Life Science

- ANTH 101, 101H, 101L\*
- BIOL 101\*, 105, 111, 111L\*, 112\*, 120, 120L\*, 200\*, 201\*, 203\*, 204\*, 222\*, 226\*
- PSY 210, 210H

#### B3: Laboratory Activity

All courses are identified by \* in Groups B1 and B2 above.

#### B4: Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning

- MATH 120, 130, 130H, 140, 160, 170, 175, 180, 190, 190H, 191, 250, 260, 270
- PSY 190

(If MATH 070, Intermediate Algebra, was taken prior to Fall 1988, it will fulfill the requirements.)

PSY 190

### AREA C: Arts and Humanities

Choose at least one course from C1: Arts; and at least one course from C2: Humanities. Additional courses may be taken from either of the groups. (9 units minimum)

#### C1: Arts (Art, Dance, Music, Theatre)

- ART 101, 104, 105, 105H, 106, 106H, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, 113, 115, 120, 121, 130, 135, 140
- DANC 199
- MUS 101, 120, 129, 130, 136, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 155, 170
- PHTO 190
- THTR 101, 105, 105H, 110, 150

#### C2: Humanities (Literature, Philosophy, Foreign Languages)

- ASL 149
- CHIN 101, 102
- ENGL 126
- FR 101, 102, 201, 202
- HIST 101, 102, 122, 131, 143, 143H, 144, 144H, 158, 159, 159H, 167, 170

- HUM 110, 111, 125, 125H,
- ITAL 101, 102
- JAPN 101, 102
- LATN 101, 102
- LIT 102, 102H, 112A, 112AH, 112B, 112BH, 114, 117, 117H, 140, 140H, 141, 142, 142H, 144A, 144B, 145, 145H, 146A, 146AH, 146B, 146BH, 147, 148, 149
- PHIL 101, 101H, 120, 124, 126, 128, 135, 140, 150,
- POLS 128
- SPAN 101, 102, 130, 131, 201, 201H, 202
- SPCH 130, 132

### AREA D: Social Sciences: 9 units required with courses in at least two groups. (3 courses/9 units minimum)

- D1: Anthropology and Archeology: ANTH 101, 101H, 102, 102H, 103, 115, 125
- D2: Economics: ECON 101, 101H, 102, 102H, 106
- D3: Ethnic Studies: CHST 150;  
HIST 131, 158, 159, 159H; HUM 130;  
POLS 150
- D4: Gender Studies HIST 170, SOC 120
- D5: Geography: GEOG 102, 103
- D6: History: HIST 101, 102, 122, 131, 143, 143H, 144, 144H, 158, 159, 159H, 167, 170
- D7: Interdisciplinary Social or Behavioral Science: CD 208, SOC 127
- D8: Political Science, Government, & Legal Institutions:  
CHST 150, PHIL 128, POLS 110, 110H, 128, 130, 140, 150
- D9: Psychology: CD 106, 208;  
PSY 101, 101H, 112, 114, 116, 170, 180, 200,
- D0: Sociology and Criminology:  
ANTH 110; SOC 101, 101H, 102, 105, 110, 114, 116, 120, 127

**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:** All CSU campuses have a graduation requirement in U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals. Students may be certified as completing this requirement at Rio Hondo College by taking POLS 110 or 110H and one of the following History courses: HIST 143, 143H, 144, 144H, 158, 159, 159H, 170. These courses may be used to partially satisfy area C and/or D of the CSU-GE Breadth.

### AREA E: Lifelong Learning and Self-Development:

Choose one course from the following:

- ANTH 110; CD 106
- COUN 101, 151 or 151A, 151B, 151C

(NOTE: The entire sequence of 151 A-C must be completed for a total of 3 units)

- DD 214 (see counselor for details)
- PETH 191, 192, 196;
- PSY 112, 121, 123, 133
- SOC 105, 110

NOTE: Courses may be used to fulfill only one General Education area.

For a complete listing of courses and their approval dates, students may log on to [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org).



## ***Transferring to University of California (UC)***

The University of California has 10 campuses located throughout the state. Admission representatives from local UC campuses visit the Rio Hondo College Transfer Center on a regular basis. Please check with the Transfer Center for more detailed information.

Course requirements vary from one University of California (UC) campus to another. Therefore, it is advised that students work with a counselor to first select a particular UC campus and then formulate a strategy for completing that campus' general education requirements, major requirements, and admissions requirements. At most UC campuses, admission is competitive, and a grade point average (GPA) higher than the 2.4 minimum is required. Some UC campuses require that students complete specific course work in a major before transfer, and some majors require a higher grade point average than designated for general admission. See a counselor for further explanation and planning materials.

### **Transfer Admission Requirements**

To be eligible for admission to a UC as a transfer student, a student must fulfill the following criteria:

- A. Complete 60 UC transferable semester units (90 quarter units) with a minimum GPA of 2.4 (2.8 for non-residents); AND
- B. Complete the following course requirements, earning a grade of "C" or better in each course: two transferable college courses in English composition; one transferable college course in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning; four transferable college courses chosen from at least two of the following subject areas: arts and humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and physical and biological sciences. NOTE: The IGETC General Education Transfer Pattern will meet these course requirements. However, some students, depending on the transfer major and university, may not be well served by following IGETC; AND
- C. Complete as many major preparation courses as possible. Major preparation may be viewed at [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org).

NOTE: Selective majors require certain courses to be completed before transfer with a higher grade point average.

The UC allows up to 70 UC transferable lower division units from a community college or 4-year university. Students who complete more than 70 units at the community college may still complete courses to fulfill course requirements but will not be able to transfer more than the 70 units of credit.

**IMPORTANT!** To be considered for fall admission at most campuses, students must plan to complete all courses required for admission no later than the spring semester preceding the fall they wish to enter the university.

## ***Community College Transfer Priority Admission***

UC campuses give priority consideration for admission to California community college students. A California community college student applying for admission to the University of California in advance standing will be given priority admission over all other applicants if:

1. The student was enrolled at one or more California community college for at least two terms (excluding summer sessions); AND
2. The last college attended before admission to a UC campus was a California community college (excluding summer sessions); AND
3. The student has completed at least 30 semester (45 quarter) UC transferable units at one or more California community college.

## ***IGETC General Education Certification***

Certification means that the last community college attended prior to transfer will verify that the student has completed the entire IGETC pattern. Rio Hondo College will certify for IGETC after completion of all courses required. Students who have completed general education courses at other colleges are advised to see a counselor for information regarding a pass-along petition. Foreign coursework may not be used for certification on the IGETC requirements, except for area 6: Language other than English.

All courses on IGETC must be completed with a C grade or better. By completing the IGETC requirements, students will have satisfied all lower division general education requirements for the UC or CSU campus of choice. Certification is highly recommended (please note that some UC campuses, depending on the major, will not accept IGETC as part of the general education requirements; see a counselor for more information). It is the student's responsibility to request certification. To obtain the certification, students must file a Transcript Request Form at the Office of Admissions and Records. If coursework was completed at another college/university, official transcripts must be on file with the Office of Admissions and Records before the certification is granted. Partial certification can be granted if a student has completed all but two courses in the IGETC pattern.

## ***UC Impacted Majors***

Some majors at UC campuses are highly competitive or "impacted". This means that certain courses in the major must be completed with achievement of a high GPA prior to transfer. Please consult with a counselor or visit the Transfer Center for details.

## ***Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)***

The Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program offers guaranteed admission to the students who complete a core set of courses at Rio Hondo College a full term prior to transferring. Students in the TAG program can receive early review of their academic records, early admission notification, and specific guidance on major preparation and general education coursework. Rio Hondo College has agreements with seven UCs (UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Merced, UC Riverside, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, and UC Santa Cruz). TAG requirements vary by UC campus and yearly. For further information meet with the Transfer Counselor.

## ***UC Application***

Applications for admission to the UC system are available online at [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply). NOTE: The UCs requires students to write a personal statement, visit the Transfer Center for more information.

## ***UC Application Filing Periods***

Students are encouraged to attend an application workshop before beginning the application process. Remember applications are submitted one year prior to transferring.

The priority filing periods are:

**Fall Quarter/ Semester:** November 1-30

**Winter Quarter:** July 1-31

**Spring Quarter:** October 1-31

All UC campuses accept applicants for fall admission. To determine which UC campus accepts winter and/or spring, call the specific campus or visit the Transfer Center.

## ***Transferring to Independent Colleges & Universities***

Each year many Rio Hondo students go on to pursue their fields of interest and earn a degree at an independent four-year institution. Admission requirements and general education requirements vary from college to college. To make transferring to a private or independent college as smooth as possible, students should obtain information on transfer requirements from that college and work closely with a counselor to plan their course of study.

Although admission requirements vary and are listed in the catalogs of the various universities and colleges, students who transfer to independent colleges and universities are given credit for most, if not all, of their community college work. Most colleges and universities give full credit for general education courses and for most other courses designated by the community college as transferable.

Rio Hondo College has developed articulation agreements with many independent colleges and universities. Transfer students who plan to attend a private college or university are encouraged to consult with a counselor to plan their academic plan. For information regarding deadlines and articulation agreements, students should visit the Transfer Center.

For information regarding all transfer deadlines, students should consult with Rio Hondo College counselors or the Transfer Center.

## ***Transfer Web Sites***

Below are listed some of the web sites available to help students who wish to transfer.

- Articulation:  
<http://www.assist.org>  
<http://www.riohondo.edu/Students/Articulation>
- California Colleges:  
<http://www.californiacolleges.edu>
- California Independent Colleges and Universities:  
<http://www.aiccu.edu>
- California State University:  
<http://www.csumentor.edu>
- RHC Transfer Center:  
<http://www.riohondo.edu/students/transfercenter>
- University of California:  
<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu>
- UC Transfer:  
<http://uctransfer.universityofcalifornia.edu>
- Associate Degree for Transfer: A Degree with a Guarantee  
[www.adegreewithaguarantee.com](http://www.adegreewithaguarantee.com)

## *Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) For CSU & UC*

The IGETC is an agreement between Rio Hondo and the CSU and UC campuses regarding general education requirements. The IGETC list of courses was developed first in 1991 and is regularly updated. Students can complete these courses to fulfill their lower-division, general education requirements at a community college before they transfer to a CSU or UC campus. The IGETC is only one way to fulfill the lower-division, general education requirements of a CSU or UC campus, and it is not recommended for certain majors and colleges.

Completion of all the requirements in the IGETC will permit a student to transfer from a community college to a campus in either the California State University or University of California system without the need to take additional lower-division general education courses. Transfer students will receive certification for all their general education requirements only after completing all of the subject areas listed below with a "C" grade or better in each course.

### **Area 1: ENGLISH COMMUNICATION**

CSU: 3 courses required, one from each group below

UC: 2 courses required, one each from 1A and 1B

#### **1A – English Composition**

One course of 3 semester/4 quarter units  
ENGL 101

#### **1B –Critical Thinking**

One course of 3 semester/4 quarter units  
ENGL 201 or 201H, PHIL 110

**1C –Oral Communications:** (CSU only) One course of 3 semesters/4 quarter units.

SPCH 100, 101, 102, 140

### **Area 2: MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS & QUANTITATIVE REASONING**

One course: 3 semester/4 quarter units

MATH 120, 130, 130H, 160+, 165+, 170+,  
180+, 190+, 190H, 191, 250, 260, 270  
PSY 190

+ Indicates that UC course credit may be limited.

Please consult a counselor for additional information.

### **Area 3: ARTS & HUMANITIES**

At least 3 courses - 9 semester/12 quarter units.

#### **3A: ARTS (3 units minimum):**

ART 104, 105, 105H, 106, 106H, 107, 108, 109, 110  
112, 113, 115

MUS 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135, 136

THTR 101, 105, 105H

#### **3B: HUMANITIES (3 units minimum):**

ENGL 126

FR 102, 201, 202

HIST 101, 102, 122, 131, 143, 143H, 144, 144H, 158,  
159, 159H, 167, 170

HUM 110, 111, 125, 125H

ITAL 102

JAPN 102

LATN 102

LIT 102, 102H, 112A, 112AH, 112B, 112BH, 114,  
117, 117H, 140, 140H, 141, 142, 142H, 144A, 144B,  
145, 145H, 146A, 146AH, 146B, 146BH, 147, 148, 149  
PHIL 101, 101H, 120, 124, 126, 128, 135, 140, 150  
POLS 128

SPAN 102, 201, 201H, 202

### **Area 4: SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

At least 3 courses from at least two disciplines - 9 semester/12 quarter units

ANTH 102, 102H, 103, 110, 125

CD 106, 208

CHST 150

ECON 101, 101H, 102, 102H, 106

GEOG 102, 103

HIST 101, 102, 122, 131, 143, 143H, 144, 144H,  
158, 167, 170

HUM 130

PHIL 128

POLS 110, 110H, 128, 130, 140, 150

PSY 101, 101H, 112, 114, 170, 200,

SOC 101, 101H, 102, 105, 110, 114, 116, 120, 127

### **Area 5: PHYSICAL & BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

At least 2 courses are required, one from 5A and 5B. One course must include a corresponding laboratory from 5A or 5B. Laboratory courses are noted with \* symbol

(7-9 semester/9-11 quarter units)

#### **5A: PHYSICAL SCIENCES (One course minimum):**

ASTR 110, 110H, 112\*, 114\*

CHEM 110\*, 120\*, 130\*, 230\*, 231\*

GEOG 101, 101L\*

GEOL 150, 151\*

PHY 120\*+, 150\*+, 160\*+, 211\*+, 212\*+, 213\*+

#### **5B: BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (One course minimum):**

ANTH 101, 101H, 101L

BIOL 101\*, 105, 111, 111L\*, 120, 120L\*, 200\*, 201\*, 203\*,  
204\*, 226\*

PSY 210, 210H

**5C: LABORATORY ACTIVITY:** This requirement may be met by completing a lab course that corresponds to a lecture course found above in 5A or 5B with \*symbol.

+ Indicates that UC course credit may be limited. Please consult the course description for additional information.

### **6: LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH (UC REQUIREMENT ONLY)**

Proficiency equivalent to two years of high school study in the same language or at Rio Hondo College: At least 1 course from:

ASL 149

CHIN 101, 102

FR 101, 102, 201, 202

ITAL 101, 102

JAPN 101, 102

LATN 101, 102

SPAN 101, 102, 130, 131, 201, 201H, 202

(If using high school courses to fulfill this area, grades of "C-" are acceptable. Official transcripts must be on file in the Admissions and Records Office)

### **AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS REQUIREMENT**

CSU has an American Institutions graduation requirement that can be fulfilled by taking the following:

6 units: Choose one course from group 1 and one course from group 2.

1. POLS 110, 110H

2. HIST 143, 143H, 144, 144H, 158, 159, 159H, 170