CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

AP No. 4235

I. The Board of Trustees of Rio Hondo College authorizes the college to grant appropriate semester unit credit to any student who is currently enrolled and successfully passes certain authorized examination(s).

II. Individual departments and/or specialty areas may elect to grant course credit to enable students who can demonstrate proficiency in bodies of subject matter, to plan a relevant educational program that will exclude courses in which essential levels of mastery of subject matter material have been previously attained.

III. To challenge a course and receive Credit by Examination a student must be registered in the college and be in good standing. Course(s) must be listed in the college catalog. Students may be exempt from this if they are requesting to challenge and receive credit by examination for a high school / Regional Occupational Program Career and Technical Education (CTE) articulated pathway (Title 5 Section 55052).

IV. Students may not be enrolled in the course for which they may want to challenge and receive Credit by Examination; students may receive credit by completing courses in high school Regional Occupation Programs (ROP), Career Technical Education (CTE), and articulated programs.

V. Students shall be given course credit to a limit of twelve (12) Rio Hondo College units upon the successful completion of examinations (s), which may be applied to an Associate degree. *Once the student has completed an upper division course, the student is eligible for an additional four (4) units of course credit.* These courses ~~should~~ *shall* not count as ~~12~~ units in residence.

VI. *Upon completion of six (6) upper division units, students shall be given course credit to a limit of twelve (12) upper division Rio Hondo College units upon the successful completion of examinations (s), which may be applied to a Bachelor's degree. These courses shall not count as units in residence.*

VII. Credits acquired by examination are not applicable to meeting of such unit load requirements as Selective Service deferment, Veteran's or Social Security benefits.

VIII. Credit by External Examination: After completing 12 units in residence, a student will be awarded credit by external examination with passing scores from the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and Advanced Placement (AP) examination. Specific course credit and/or general education credit will be granted toward the Associate degree and/or transfer. Details on scores and how credit is applied can be found in the Rio Hondo College catalog.

IX. The student's academic record must clearly indicate that the credit(s) have been earned by examination

X. Sources/r~~R~~eference~~s~~: Title 5 Section 55050, Title 5 Section 55052