



I'm a current student

How often should I meet with a Counselor?

Students should meet with a Counselor to develop a comprehensive Student Educational Plan before he or she completes 15 units or the end of their 3rd term. After the Student develops a comprehensive Student Educational Plan he or she should meet with a Counselor at least once a year to monitor progress towards their educational goal.

If I get a “D” or “F” in a class, can I retake it for a better grade?

If you take a class and earn a grade of a D or F, you have the opportunity to repeat the same class for a better grade. Once the new grade is posted, you can fill out a “petition for course repetition” form and turn it in to the office of Admissions for processing. This will omit the substandard grade from your GPA. Please note that you are only allowed to attempt a class a maximum of 3 times. This includes W's. After your second attempt, you will be blocked from registering for that class and you will need to fill out the reverse side of the “petition for course repetition” form and have it signed by the dean of the respective department for approval. For more information, please visit your counselor

What is a “W” and how does it affect me?

A “W” affects your status if you have more “W”s than grades (Progress Probation) they can also affect your financial aid...make an appointment w/a counselor.

What is an Academic Renewal?

Academic Renewal is a procedure. It is a way to help heal your past record if you are now doing well.

- Your transcript will be marked appropriately and you will see a code of “E”, meaning the course has been excluded.
- Although the work will be excluded if you qualify for this procedure, the original work will always be reflected on your transcripts.
- You can only file for this procedure one time.

You must meet certain criteria, such as:

- 2 years should have passed since the last grade that you would like to exclude.
- You must have a 2.0 GPA in the last 30 units of work, since the last grade that you would like to exclude.
- You can exclude up to 30 units of old substandard grades.

Please consult the formal description of requirements in our College Catalog, found under the Student Services tab.

What is the difference between academic probation and progress probation?

Academic Probation is based on your grades, Progress Probation is based on your completion rate.

Academic probation affects students who have attempted 12 units and have obtained below a 2.0 GPA in all units that were graded. In order to get off of Academic Probation, a student needs to raise their cumulative GPA to above a 2.0.

Progress probation affects students who have attempted 12 units and have obtained the same or more “W” and “NP” entries compared to their other grades. For example, if a student has dropped (withdrawn from) 7 units and successfully passed 5 units in a given semester, they would be placed on Progress Probation because the “W’s” will outweigh the other courses that were completed.

If you are on Academic or Progress Probation, it is necessary to be cleared by a Counselor (reinstated) in order to register for the following session.

How do I know if I’m ready to transfer?

Transferring to a university is a complex process. The best advice is for you to work closely with a Counselor to ensure that you take the appropriate classes. Make an appointment with a Counselor from the first semester you attend Rio Hondo.

If I get my Associates Degree, does that mean I’m ready to Transfer?

Not necessarily, it depends on the AA degree. If you have completed an Associate Degree for Transfer you are ready to apply to the CSU system. If you get any other degree you may need more classes. Please make an appointment with a Counselor to ensure that you have met the requirements to transfer.

What is the last day to drop with a full refund?

Students reducing their course load or withdrawing from all courses during the first 10% of the fall/spring semester may file for a refund in the Admissions and Records Office. During the summer session, resident students reducing their course load or withdrawing from all courses during the first 10% of the session may file for a refund in the Admissions and Records Office. Please check the Rio Hondo web site, under the Admissions and General Information link for specific deadline dates. Any enrollment fee refund request is subject to a once-per-semester service charge of \$10.00

When is the last day of the semester to sign up for Pass/No Pass for a class?

In addition to courses in which all students are evaluated on a Pass/No Pass basis, students may enroll in one course each semester on a "P/NP" basis. They may elect at registration, or no later than the end of the third week, whether the basis of evaluation is to be "P/NP" or a letter grade (by end of first week of summer school). "P" (Pass) is defined as "C" grade or better