

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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- I. At the Academic Senate’s final meeting of the academic year, the Academic Senate on behalf of the faculty of Rio Hondo College will recommend that students who have completed the requirements for a degree be conferred that degree with all rights, privileges, and responsibilities thereunto appertaining.

The degree of Associate of Arts or Associate of Science will be conferred upon any student satisfactorily completing a prescribed departmental college curriculum with a minimum of 60 units, a 2.0 average GPA or better and at least twelve (12) units in residence which will include:

- A. A major consisting of a minimum of eighteen (18) units in an area of emphasis (or major). A listing of all majors can be found in the degree listing in the college catalog and satisfactory completion of any one of the following three general education course criteria:

Option I: Certified completion of the California State University General Education breadth pattern (CSUGE);

Option II: Certified completion of the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern;

Option III: Certified completion of the Rio Hondo College General Education and Proficiency requirements as listed below:

- 1. A minimum “C” grade for all course work within the major
- 2. No non-degree applicable course work can be included in the total number of units earned towards a degree.
- 3. Two physical education activity courses.
- 4. American Institutions Requirements – successful completion of one of the following courses: HIST 143, HIST 143H, HIST 144, 144H, HIST 158, HIST 159, 159H, 170, POLS 110 or POLS 110H or Advanced Placement examination scores of 3, 4, or 5 on either of the following exams: U.S. Government and Politics or U.S. History.
- 5. Competence in reading and written expression that may be met by:
 - a. The reading requirement may be met by one of the following:
 - 1) Letter grade of “C” or better earned in READ 043 or placement into READ 101
 - 2) Appropriate score on the reading assessment test or appropriate multiple measures placement, according to Rio Hondo College’s multiple measures placement rules for direct and non-direct matriculants as directed by the Chancellor’s office on 03/10/17.

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- 3) 2 or 4 year degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution.
- b. The written expression requirement may be met by one of the following:
 - 1) Credit earned (grade of "C" or better) in ENGL 101 (College Composition and Research).
 - 2) A satisfactory score on the CSU English Equivalency Exam (to be determined by the Division of Communications and Languages).
 - 3) Students earning a "C" or better in freshman composition courses (three (3) or more semester units/four (4) or more quarter units) from regionally-accredited colleges and universities.
 - 4) Advanced Placement examination scores of 3, 4, or 5 on either of the following exams: AP English Language & Composition or English Literature & Composition.
 - 5) CLEP examination scores of 50 or higher on the following exams: College Composition, College Composition Modular, English Composition (if taken before July 2010).
6. Competence in mathematics that may be met by one of the following:
 - a. Credit ("C" grade or better) in MATH 060 (Geometry), MATH 070 (Intermediate Algebra), or MATH 072 (The Mathematics of Money), or MATH 073 (B-STEM Intermediate Algebra) or MATH 073B, or a higher level quantitative reasoning course.
 - b. A satisfactory score on the Rio Hondo College Math Proficiency Exam.
 - c. Advanced Placement examination scores of 3, 4 or 5 on any of the following exams: AP Calculus AB or AP Calculus BC or AP Statistics.
 - d. CLEP examination scores of 50 or higher on the following exams: Calculus, College Algebra, College Algebra-Trig, and Trigonometry.
7. Completion of general education course requirements in each of four (4) areas, in addition to the major(s) requirement. The four (4) area

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requirements and courses from which a student may choose are as follows:

- a. Natural Sciences with Lab (a lab must be included) – minimum of three (3) units.
 - b. Social and Behavioral Sciences – minimum of three (3) units.
 - c. Humanities – select one course from each of:
 - i. Fine Arts - minimum of three (3) units
 - ii. Humanities - minimum of three (3) units
 - d. Language and Rationality – select one (1) course from each of:
 - i. English Composition - minimum of three (3) units.
 - ii. Communication and Analytical Thinking - minimum of three (3) units
- II. The Degree of Associate in Arts for Transfer or Associate in Science for Transfer will be conferred with a major consisting of a minimum of eighteen (18) units in an area of emphasis (or major). A listing of all AA-T or AS-T degrees can be found in the degree listing in the college catalog. Degree course criteria includes the following:
- A. Completion of a minimum of sixty (60) CSU transferable semester units.
 - B. Minimum GPA of 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework (some majors may require a higher GPA).
 - C. Completion of the major units with a grade of “C” or better or a “P” if the course is taken on a Pass-No Pass basis.
 - D. Certified completion of the California State University General Education Breadth (CSUGE) pattern or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern.
- III. District policies and procedures regarding general education and degree requirements are published in the college catalog and are filed with the State Chancellor’s Office.
- IV. Source / Reference:
- Title 5, Section 55060; Accreditation Standard II.A.