

5 Student Life & Leadership

How to Get Involved In Campus Activities

Getting involved in activities at the college enriches the college experience for students. Rio Hondo College has a variety of ways in which a student may get involved, including student government, athletics, and clubs.

Student Government

The Associated Students of Rio Hondo College (ASRHC) is a self-sustaining student government organization. The ASRHC officers serve as student representatives at campus-wide committees, impacting decision-making that will ultimately enhance the student experience at RHC.

Student Clubs

Students may pursue a special interest through participation in one of the campus clubs or organizations. Those who choose to participate in this aspect of college life may derive valuable social and educational experiences. Each club has individual service projects and traditions, and is sponsored by one or more members of the permanent faculty or staff. Contact the Student Life & Leadership Department at (562) 908-3427 for more information.

ASRHC Sponsored Events

The Associated Students of Rio Hondo College sponsors a variety of activities that fall within the Student Life and Leadership Guiding Values: Student Success and Degree Completion, Cultural Diversity, Social Responsibility, and Leadership Development. The ASRHC collaborates with various campus departments and clubs to ensure that events and activities reach all students across campus.



Student Leadership Institute

The Student Leadership Institute (SLI) at Rio Hondo College is a non-credit certificate program in partnership with California State University, Fullerton (CSUF). Students who participate acquire and develop the skills and awareness necessary to become an effective leader on campus, in the community, and in their future career. They learn the value of networking, gain effective communication skills, enhance their confidence, define their leadership style, and engage in co-curricular activities that augment their academic learning. Students who successfully complete the program earn a leadership certificate signed by the CSUF college president, a very marketable tool on a resume and on transfer applications. Contact the Student Life & Leadership Department at (562) 908-3427 for more information.

College Services Fee

When a student enrolls in the college they pay a college service fee. This fee entitles students to the following:

- ASRHC Emergency Loans
- Access to the Library Textbook Reserve
- Free photo I.D. Card for first I.D. only. (Additional or replacement I.D.'s cost \$5.00 each.)
- Various campus activities and events
- Free admission to some athletic events and theatre productions
- Discount tickets to AMC Theaters, some amusement parks and more!
- Membership in campus clubs and organizations
- Opportunities to be elected to student senate.

Student Publications

El Paisano is a weekly student produced award-winning publication that has attained Congressional recognition for its excellence in print, digital, and television broadcast journalism. *La Cima* is the college's magazine. *El Paisano* serves as a training opportunity for prospective students interested in journalism, mass media, communications, public relations, and broadcasting with theory and hands-on production skills. Students interested can view student work at: www.elpaisanoonline.com

Athletics – Men's & Women's Intercollegiate Sports

Rio Hondo College is a member of an athletic conference formed by the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA).

Conference competition is scheduled in the following sports for men: baseball, basketball, water polo, swimming, soccer and wrestling; and for women: soccer, softball, basketball, beach volleyball, volleyball, tennis, water polo, and swimming.

Male or female students who wish to become members of a team should check the class schedule online at: www.riohondo.edu for the current offerings for both men and women's intercollegiate athletic teams; contact the coach of that team in the Athletic Department for details; and enroll in that class during registration. Prior to registration, students should see the Athletic Academic Counselor. Appointments can be made by contacting the Athletic Department at (562) 908-3409. Additional information is also available on the Athletics web page.

Athletic Eligibility for California Community College Intercollegiate Teams

Male and female students may represent the college in athletic contests upon verification of their status as amateur athletes in the sports in which they wish to compete. In order to be eligible to participate, student athletes **MUST BE** actively enrolled in a minimum of 12 units at his/her community college during the competition in the sport. Of the 12 units, 9 must be in academic subjects, and 3 units may be Kinesiology activity courses.

Current Returning Student Athletes:

To be eligible for the second season of a sport, the student athlete **MUST COMPLETE** and **PASS 24 SEMESTER UNITS AT A MINIMUM GPA OF 2.0 BETWEEN SEASONS OF COMPETITION**. Of these units, 18 must be in academic classes and 6 units may be Kinesiology activity courses. These units must be completed **PRIOR** to the beginning of the semester of the second season of sport. Units completed and passed during the first season of sport shall be included in the calculation of the 24-semester unit requirement.

Entering Freshman beginning Fall of 2015:

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY: In order to be eligible and remain eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition a student athlete has to successfully complete at least 6 units (semester or quarter) during the preceding academic term in which the student is enrolled as a full-time student at the certifying institution with a cumulative 2.0 GPA beginning with and including the units taken during the first semester/quarter of competition. Institutional verification for eligibility for continuing competition will be completed within one week of the posting of grades for the academic term by the institution.

A student transferring to Rio Hondo College who has previously **PARTICIPATED** in intercollegiate athletics at another California community college **MUST COMPLETE 12 units at Rio Hondo College PRIOR** to the beginning of the semester of competition.

Students are **NOT ALLOWED** more than **TWO SEASONS** of athletic competition in any one sport. Students who have questions concerning athletic eligibility should check with the Athletic Director by calling the Kinesiology, Dance, and Athletics Department at (562) 908-3409. All student athletes are expected to comply with the Decorum policy in the State Constitution for Athletics.

Student Conduct at College-Sponsored Events

A. Basic Responsibilities at Conferences:

1. Participants, students and advisors shall be fully informed concerning their responsibilities for proper conduct during a trip and at the conference.

2. Students will be directly responsible to the advisor.
3. Rules established by the host school on location must be observed.
4. Prior to the conference, student participants and advisors shall read the code of conduct.
5. Attendance at all meetings including meals is considered part of the participant's responsibility while at a conference unless first excused by the advisors.
6. Students may not represent Rio Hondo College at any event away from the campus without an advisor unless they are given special permission to do so by the college administration.

B. Regulation of Conduct

1. It is contrary to California State Law to possess, serve, or consume alcoholic beverages or marijuana at any college function including regional or state conferences, regardless of the age of those participating. Anyone who appears under the influence of alcoholic beverages or marijuana shall be subject to disciplinary action by the conference and Rio Hondo College.
2. All participants at conferences or on trips are expected to show proper consideration for the rights and welfare of others. Undue noise and disturbances shall be considered violations of this regulation.
3. No firearms will be permitted on any trip. College-approved pistol and rifle matches are excepted.

Social Functions

1. The college must sponsor any club or organization recruiting Rio Hondo College students.
2. All social functions on campus must be cleared through the Student Life and Leadership Department.
3. Students attending social functions on campus are under the jurisdiction of the college and must assume individual responsibility for the accepted standards of behavior.
4. Guests of Rio Hondo College students shall be the responsibility of the student. Guests are expected to behave as students and, as such, abide by college regulations.
5. Students shall be responsible for all property damage incurred by guests during any activity sponsored on campus.

