



## **Articulation Agreement Between Rio Hondo College and Idaho State University AS Fire Technology – BS Fire Services Administration**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Based upon a mutual respect for the integrity of academic programs and in an effort to better serve students who wish to obtain a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Services Administration after being awarded an Associate of Science Degree in Fire Technology; Rio Hondo College and Idaho State University hereby enter into an Articulation Agreement that, upon a student's successful completion in its entirety, will result in an Associate of Science Degree in Fire Technology from Rio Hondo College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Services Administration from Idaho State University.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THIS AGREEMENT**

1. To facilitate the transition of students from Rio Hondo College to Idaho State University.
2. To provide specific advisement for Fire Technology students of Rio Hondo College who intend to pursue their Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Services Administration at Idaho State University.
3. To encourage academic and administrative coordination between the institutions, and the exchange of evaluative information on the outcomes of the program with the goal of continual improvement.
4. To provide qualified students the opportunity to complete an Associate of Science Degree in Fire Technology from Rio Hondo College and to complete a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Services Administration from Idaho State University.

### **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS AGREEMENT**

1. Students will complete all required coursework as outlined in the Articulation Agreement.
2. Students who are on track to follow this Articulation Agreement and have maintained continuous enrollment at Rio Hondo College will be given catalog year rights at Idaho State University. This means that the catalog year in which a continuously enrolled student initially entered Rio Hondo College is also the catalog year that the student will be provided once he or she transfers. This ensures that students who are following the articulation agreement are not affected by curriculum changes in their program at Idaho State University.
3. All general education courses will transfer in accordance with the Idaho State Board of Education Policy III.N Statewide General Education or Policy III.V Articulation and Transfer.



### **MUTUAL PROMOTION OF THE PROGRAM**

1. Rio Hondo College and Idaho State University both agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this Articulation Agreement through advisement and dissemination of information.
2. The Fire Technology Department at Rio Hondo College will make every effort to maintain a list of students who are pursuing an AS in Fire Technology with the intent to enroll in the BS in Fire Services Administration program at Idaho State University. Only students who consent to share information will be shared with ISU's Fire Services Administration Program.
3. Idaho State University's Emergency Services Department will notify Rio Hondo's Fire Technology Department every academic year in September how many Rio Hondo College students are actively pursuing a B.S. in Fire Services Administration at Idaho State University.

### **PROGRAM CHANGES**

1. This Articulation Agreement will encourage an annual revision to ensure all program graduation requirements that change at either institution can be updated. The Fire Technology Department at Rio Hondo College will work closely with the Emergency Services Department and the Transfer Coordinator at Idaho State University to update all curriculum changes to the Articulation Agreement.
2. All changes must be updated in the Articulation Agreement and all signatures must be obtained by July 1 for the upcoming academic year.

### **TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

1. This Agreement shall be in force until either institution decides in writing to terminate the Agreement. It is agreed that if terminated, both institutions will honor the terms of the Agreement until all students already matriculated at Idaho State University are given the opportunity to complete the program in a timely manner.
2. Termination becomes effective sixty (60) days following a written notice of termination. Any qualified Rio Hondo College student who completes the Rio Hondo College portion of requirements in this Agreement prior to the effective date of termination will be admitted to the Idaho State University program in the Fall semester which subsequently follows the effective termination date.



## Degree Plan for an Associate of Science Degree in Fire Technology with Transfer Pathway

Course #	Course Title College Required Courses	CR
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
FTEC 101	Fire Protection Organization	3
FTEC 102	Fundamentals of Personal Fire Safety and Emergency Action	3
FTEC 103	Fire Behavior and Combustion	3
FTEC 104	Fire Prevention Technology	3
FTEC 105	Building Construction for Fire Protection	3
FTEC 106	Fire Protection Equipment and Systems	3
	An additional 6 units of Fire Electives per the Rio Hondo Catalog	<b>6</b>
	<b>Credits Required for Major</b>	<b>27</b>
	<p>To acquire the Associate of Science Degree in Fire Technology, students must complete the required major courses above with a grade of "C" or better along with one of the following: Rio Hondo College General Education and Proficiency requirements, California State University General Education Breadth (CSU GE), or Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC). Note that the CSU GE or IGETC pathway is strongly encouraged as students who only complete the Rio Hondo College General education &amp; Proficiency requirements will not meet the General Education requirements at Idaho State University.</p> <p><b>Only the CSU GE or IGETC pattern for UC or CSU meets the general education requirements for Idaho State University. Students who earn their AS in Fire Technology without CSU GE or IGETC pattern for UC or CSU will be required to satisfy ISU's general education requirements after transfer to ISU.</b></p>	<b>35-39</b>
	<p><sup>^</sup>Student will coordinate with Rio Hondo academic advisor for questions about satisfying the General Education for transfer. We honor the originating institution's credit totals for general education requirements. For specific selection and sequencing of courses, students are strongly encouraged to meet with an academic advisor.</p>	
	<b>TOTAL CREDITS TAKEN AT Rio Hondo</b>	<b>62-66</b>



## Program Courses to be completed at ISU for a Bachelor of Science in Fire Services Administration

ISU Requirements	Credits
FSA 3323 – Fire and Emergency Services Administration	3
FSA 3325 – Personnel Mgt. for Fire Service Administrator	3
FSA 3326 – Fire Prevention Organization and Management	3
FSA 3329 – Political and Legal Foundations of Fire Protection	3
FSA 3331 – Community Risk Reduction for Fire & Emergency Services	3
FSA 3333 – Applications of Fire Research	3
FSA 4401 – Fire Service Ethics	3
FSA 4409 – Practicum-Internship <sup>1</sup>	1-3
FSA Upper-Division Electives (select 2 courses)	6
Upper-division free elective credit required for a Bachelor’s Degree <sup>2</sup>	6-9
Additional free electives to reach 120 credits <sup>3</sup>	18-22
<b>TOTAL CREDITS TAKEN AT ISU</b>	<b>54-58</b>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS (Rio Hondo+ ISU)</b>	<b>120</b>

**Advising notes:**

<sup>1</sup> FSA 4409 is waived for students with 5+ years of experience in a fire-related career field. Students would need to take additional upper-division elective(s) if FSA 4409 is not taken to ensure a total of 36 upper-division credits.

<sup>2</sup>ISU requires 36 upper-division credits to confer a bachelor’s degree. There are 27-30 upper-division credits built into the FSA major coursework. Transfer students who do not have upper-division transfer credits will be required to complete 6-9 upper-division elective credits in order to meet the 36 upper-division credit requirements for graduation.

<sup>3</sup>A student must have 30 resident credits from Idaho State University to earn a bachelor’s degree from ISU so if a student transfers more than 6 upper division credits, the student may need to take additional courses from ISU to satisfy the resident credit requirement. Students are required to have a total of 120 credits for a bachelor’s degree. Credits earned from a regionally accredited institution are transferrable to ISU and may satisfy this graduation requirement.

<sup>4</sup>A minor in Homeland Security Emergency Management (18 credits) is recommended to meet the free elective requirement. Nine (9) of the eighteen (18) total credits for the minor must be upper-division. These upper-division credits may be applied toward the upper-division elective credits required for a Bachelor’s degree.



## OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREE

### Completion confers the following benefits:

1. ISU waives the admission fee for Rio Hondo transfer students.
2. Students who transfer without predetermined courses from the above degree plan must complete ISU's institution-specific education requirements.

### Idaho State University Requirements:

- Students must complete 120 credits of coursework, of which at least 60 must be academic credits.
- Completion of an AS in Fire Technology with either the CSU General Education (CSU GE) Pattern or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) Pattern (for either CSU or UC) satisfies ISU's general education requirements. Students who transfer to ISU with an AS in Fire Technology but without either the CSU GE or IGETC pattern for general education at Rio Hondo College must complete ISU's general education requirements. For these students, any general education courses taken at Rio Hondo College will be individually evaluated for equivalency to ISU's general education courses.
- Students must complete 36 credits of upper-division coursework (3000 level and above), of which 15 must be earned at ISU.
- At least 30 credits in the major area of study must be resident credits (earned at ISU), or 30 of the last 50 credits applied to the degree must be ISU resident credit. (Refer to the ISU catalog for limits on specialized credits such as credit by exam, physical activity, music participation, and experiential learning.)
- Students must complete all major requirements with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 and have an overall ISU cumulative GPA of 2.0.



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