Incoming Freshmen Transfer Credit Procedure

To obtain credit for courses taken at other colleges and universities, please follow this procedure:

1. Send copies of the course descriptions of the courses you’ve completed (or are completing this semester) to the Office of the Registrar. Write your name and Rensselaer Identification Number on all copies. Course descriptions are usually found in university catalogs. Most colleges now provide this information on their web site. As soon as we have the course descriptions, we will send them to the appropriate department(s) for evaluation.

2. Ask your high school principal or guidance counselor to fill out the statement below certifying that the course(s) you’ve completed (or are taking) are not needed for your high school diploma. Return this statement to the Registrar’s Office also.

3. If you have already completed the coursework that you will transfer, you should forward the descriptions, statement form, and transcripts to us immediately. For courses that you are still completing, send the course descriptions and statement form now, so that we can initiate the departmental evaluation. Forward the Official Transcript to us later when it becomes available.

4. Once the transfer credit evaluations come back to us from the department and we have received both an official transcript from the college attended and the statement from your high school, we will record the transfer credit on your academic record.

You must earn a C- grade or better to be awarded transfer credit. All transcripts, course descriptions, and statement forms should be mailed to the Office of the Registrar, Academy Hall 2000 Level, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute 110 8th Street Troy, NY 12180-3590. Effective Fall 2010, all students entering as first-time freshmen can transfer a maximum of 32 credits (including Advanced Placement or equivalent credit) towards their degree. It is important to note that only 8 credits of the H&SS Core Curriculum can be brought in to Rensselaer either through transfer of credits or through Advanced Placement exams. Sixteen hours of the core must be completed at Rensselaer. Effective Fall 2000, all students entering as a freshmen may transfer up to two Science courses (up to 8 credit hours) towards satisfying their Science Core requirement. Students who have Advanced Placement or who have the International Baccalaureate may be granted credit for their mathematics and science courses depending on their scores.

*Transfer credit will be forfeited if a student takes an equivalent Rensselaer course.*

If you have any questions about transferring credits, please contact Kim Tobio in the Registrar’s Office at (518) 276-2699 or at tobio@rpi.edu. If you need additional copies of this form, go to: http://www.rpi.edu/dept/srfs/incoming_freshmen_transfer_credit.pdf

Keep top portion for your records

Send bottom portion to your high school

________________________________________________________
(Name of Student) (RIN #)

has requested Rensselaer academic
credit for ___________________________ taken while a student at ____________________________ and
(Number and Name of course) (Name of Preparatory or High School)
supervised or sponsored by _____________________________. It is Rensselaer’s policy to only transfer credit for
college courses taken while in high school if these courses were not used in obtaining the high school diploma. Please indicate by entering a check in the appropriate blank whether the course was used, or was not used, to obtain the high school diploma.

__________The course was used to obtain the high school diploma.

__________The course was not used to obtain the high school diploma.

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(Signature and Title of the High School Official)

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