Complementary Learning

Every year, each student is required to complete 20 hours of Complementary (Comp) Learning through community service, leadership, or other approved activities (see below). Comp learning provides students with opportunities to grow through out-of-class experiences in leadership, service, volunteerism, and critical thinking, and teaches civic responsibility and citizenship. Service projects, leadership roles, and attendance of cultural activities complement and enrich the academic program of Honors students.

Comp Learning must be submitted for approval on the Honors website before 11:59pm on the first Friday of March. This year, that is Friday, March 6, 2020. Any student who cannot submit by the deadline must contact the Comp Learning Advisors or the Honors Office at least ONE MONTH BEFORE the deadline.

Comp Learning Advisors (CLAs) can be reached for questions at rithonorscomplearning@gmail.com or during their office hours which are listed on the Staff page of the Honors website.

While a Comp Learning Advisor can provide guidance, it is the student's responsibility to make arrangements to complete their Comp Learning requirement appropriately and on time.

Service Committee

The Service Committee gathers information about activities on campus and in the community that qualify for Complementary Learning and plans activities for the year.

To learn about service events you can participate in, you can join the RIT Honors Service Opportunities Facebook group at bit.ly/2LaHg0G

Detailed information can be found on the Honors Program website at honors.rit.edu

Cultural Complementary Learning

New in Fall 2019, we will be accepting Cultural Comp Learning experience towards the 20 hour requirement. Only activities pre-determined by the Honors Office will count towards this requirement, and cultural activities may not count for more than 10 out of the 20 required hours. Regularly check your email throughout the semester for activities that count!

Service Activities Include:
- Active participation in Honors Committees
- Activities organized by Service Committee or RIT Center for Leadership & Civic Engagement
- Trips to Food Link
- Work with Habitat for Humanity
- Volunteer with Recover Rochester
- Tutor through an established organization

Leadership Activities Include:
- Honors Committee Chair
- Honors Council Officer or Representative
- Honors Mentor
- Club Executive Board Member
- Resident Advisor (RA)
- Orientation Leader (OL)

The following DO NOT count for Comp Learning:
- Paid positions (RAs, OLs, and Honors Mentors are exceptions)
- Academic Credit-bearing activities
- Activities required for a course
- Study abroad experiences
- Non-active club membership
- Any activity that counts for Honors Points

These lists are not exhaustive. Students should ask a CLA to be sure their desired activity will count before making any assumptions.