



Academic Requirements

In order to graduate from the Honors Program, students must successfully complete all degree program and Honors Program requirements. The Honors Program requirements for students entering RIT in the 2018 academic year are as follows:

- ✓ First Year Honors Seminar
- ✓ General Education/ Honors Experiences (6 points)
- ✓ Honors Research
- ✓ Honors Senior Seminar
- ✓ A minimum GPA of 3.5 by graduation
- ✓ Annual participation in 20 hours of Complementary Learning activities

Honors Program students are reviewed annually during the spring semester for satisfactory progress toward graduation.

Honors Points in General Education and Other Honors Experiences can be earned with:

- Honors Courses
- Contract Courses
- One Graduate Course
- International Experiences
- Full-time co-op or internship not required for your major
- Faculty/College-sponsored professional activities

For a total of 6 Points

Research Requirement Options:

- Participation in an approved summer research experience.
- Senior theses, senior capstones, senior projects and other culminating works.
- Independent research completed outside of courses (verified by faculty mentors).
- College determined classes (Please see your advocate for approved listing).

HONORS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

YEAR LEVEL CHECKLIST

YEAR ONE

- ☐ First Year Honors Seminar
- ☐ 20 hours Comp Learning

YEAR TWO

- ☐ 3 Points General Education/Honors Experiences
- ☐ 3 Points General Education/Honors Experiences
- ☐ 20 hours Comp Learning

YEAR THREE

- ☐ Honors Research
- ☐ 20 hours Comp Learning

YEAR FOUR and/or YEAR FIVE

- ☐ Honors Senior Seminar (can be taken during a student's final 2 years at RIT)
- ☐ 20 hours Comp Learning

To the left is a checklist for fulfilling the Honors Program requirements.

The First Year Seminar is completed during the first semester.

The 6 points in General Education/ Honors Experiences are generally completed during the second and/or third years.

Honors Research is generally completed during the third year.

The Senior Seminar is completed during the last two years.

Please meet with your college advocate or Kerrie Bondi to develop your plan to fulfill the Honors Program requirements.

Stop by anytime!



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 and leadership roles complement and enrich the academic program of Honors students.

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 roles 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 Comp Learning Advisor to be sure their desired activity will count before making any assumptions.

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 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/honorsservice/?fref=nf>.

Comp Learning must be submitted for approval on the Honors website before

11:59pm on the first Friday of March.

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 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.