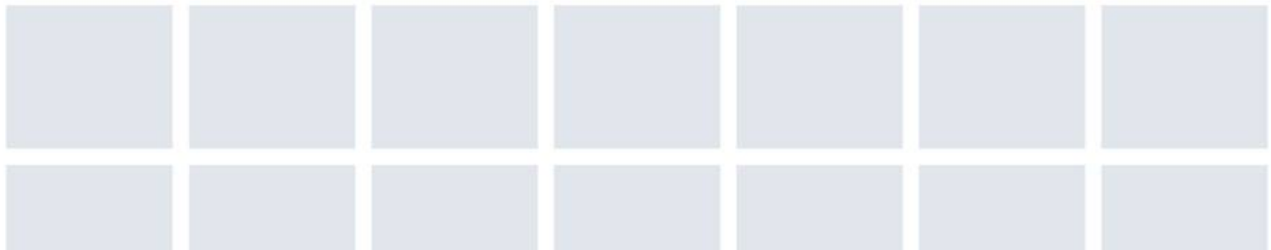


Weekly Newsletter
Wed. January 7, 2026

Spring 2026 RIT | Honors Program



The spring semester is (almost) here!

We hope you are finishing up an amazing winter break and are looking forward to being back on campus next week for the start of the spring 2026 semester! We are busily preparing for your arrival - planning programming and events, approving point submissions, and beginning the spring continuation review process. Check out the information and opportunities below - and always feel free to reach out with any questions, concerns, or thoughts. Safe travels - see you next week!

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Please submit your Honors Points from the fall '25 semester.

Students must submit for Honors Points for all experiences other than Honors courses.

If you engaged in an option, graduate course, faculty mentored research; or were off campus for a non-required co-op or study abroad, please submit for points as soon as possible using the individual reporting forms found at the link below.

[Submit Points Here](#)



Planning an Option this spring? Check out all the information below to successfully submit your proposal.

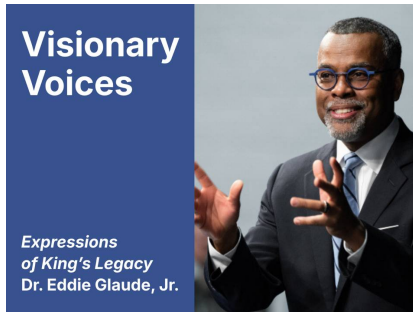
An **honors option** is something that you do to go above and beyond the usual expectations in a standard course. It is a faculty-mentored, term-length project that extends the chosen course in a substantive way, whether in depth or in breadth. It is approved in advance by the course professor and the Honors Program office.

We've collected all the important information and a link to the application on a webpage you can access by clicking the button to the right. Please be sure to meet the deadline - no extensions will be granted.

Option proposals are due on Sunday, Jan. 25 at 11:59 pm

Honors Options Resources and Application

Updates & Announcements



Small Group Discussion

The Honors Program has been invited to participate in a small group discussion with this year's *Expression of King's Legacy* speaker, Dr. Eddie Glaude Jr.

The event will take place on Thu, Jan 29, 11 AM – 11:45 AM - location TBD.

This exclusive setting will allow students to engage in dialogue with Glaude Jr. discussing the importance of James Baldwin's contributions to the civil rights movement and how his writings, social criticism, and cultural analysis are relevant and instructive in today's highly politicized world.

Click the button below to sign up for the small group discussion.

Glaude, Jr. is a scholar, political commentator and author of the New York Times bestseller [Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for our Own](#). The university-wide keynote will take place at 12:00 pm on January 29, 2026 in the Gordon Field House.

Both the small group discussion and keynote are approved for complementary learning.

Sign up for Small Group Discussion with Eddie Glaude Jr.

Sign up for the Keynote Address



Intergroup Dialogue Course (non-honors)

Led by Dr. Taj Smith, Executive Director for Community and Education and and Danielle Brown, Director, Year One Programs, this course teaches students about the communication practice of dialogue across identity and ideology. Towards the mid-point of the semester students will practice facilitating and participating in a dialogue inside and outside of the classroom.

Though not an Honors Course, this is a great opportunity to practice dialogue with individuals with diverse and sometimes divergent cultural and ideological differences.

Interested in earning points for this class? Reach out to the instructor and see about adding an Honors Option!

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Mark your calendars for Honors Hours and Coffee & Chats

We look forward to seeing many of you throughout the semester at these two recurring events: Honors Hour - which occurs on alternating Fridays, 11:30-12:30 (mostly) in the SAU 1829 room, and Office Chats that take place on the first Friday of the month (usually). Check out the dates below and mark your calendars to connect and engage with your Honors peers.

Visit the [Honors Events page](#) to stay up to date on all of our programming this spring.

See you at one of these events soon!

Honors Hour

1/16, 1/30, 2/13, 2/27, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17

Office Chats

2/6, 3/6, 4/3

Complementary Learning

Please see below our highlight opportunity this week. There are many other's listed on the [complementary learning webpage](#) that can fit almost anyone's busy schedule and diverse set of interests.

Students are expected to engage in at least 20 hours of complementary each cycle (Sept.-Aug.) to remain in good standing in the program.

All complementary learning hours should be submitted contemporaneously, within 30 days of the event or activity, using the submission form linked below or located within the *User Tools* tab of the Honors website.

Spring Community Service Fair



Attend the fair and find ways to serve the community while earning complementary learning hours.

The Community Service Fair is the perfect opportunity to find out about volunteer opportunities in Rochester and at RIT. Over thirty different nonprofit organizations will be at the event looking to connect with students who can make a difference.

A free Java's token will be given to each attendee who completes their passport! ASL interpreters will be available. FreezeFest is a week-long celebration of winter at RIT, featuring a variety of on- and off-campus activities.

January 30, 2026

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

[Student Alumni Union](#)

Room/Location: Fireside Lounge and 1829 Room

[Learn More & Register](#)

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