

**Weekly Newsletter**  
Wed. October 22, 2025



Honors student bouldering at the RIT Red Barn | Ethan Flynn

## A Rock-Solid Time!

Honors students took a break from their academics last Friday with a trip to the Red Barn climbing gym on campus. Organized by the Community & Wellness Committee of Honors Council, students challenged themselves both physically and mentally by scaling the bouldering walls and tackling routes designed to meet climbers' diverse skill levels. For many, it was their first time visiting this iconic RIT facility — a 100-year-old “Wells-style” dairy barn with over 5,000 square feet of bouldering terrain. Students enjoyed the camaraderie of the group while setting individual goals as they climbed. Didn't make it out for this event? [Click here](#) to learn more about the Red Barn and see if bouldering is for you!

Climbing at the Red Barn is a great way to balance a busy week with an activity that can invigorate and inspire your scholarly pursuits. Check out the updates and opportunities below — a blend of practical information and ways to engage with the Honors community that will support your ongoing success.

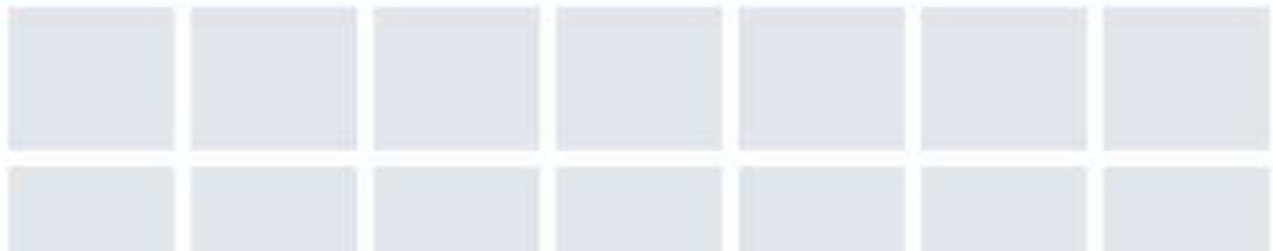
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# Spring 2026

## RIT | Honors Program



## Spring 2026 Honors Courses

### Check Out These Honors Courses!

Shopping carts are open and Honors Courses for the upcoming spring 2026 semester are now available to view on SIS! Enrolling in Honors Courses is highly encouraged and is an excellent opportunity to challenge yourself academically while networking in the Honors community.

Honors courses count for Honors points (1 credit = 1 point) and are automatically updated in your Honors student portal. If you still need to fulfill the requirement of at least one Honors point for the 2025-2026 academic year, these courses are a great option!

### Spring 2026 Honors Courses

- CSCI 263: Honors Intro to CS Theory
- FINC 355H: Honors Exploring Venture Capital
- HIST 261H: History of Modern China
- HNRS 290: Conflict to Peace
- IDEA 302H: Honors Leadership Seminar
- ITDL 450H: HNRS Sem: Global Engagements
- ITDS 450H: Science in the Modern World
- MATH 421H: Honors Linear Algebra
- MATH 367H: Honors Codes and Ciphers
- MEDS 440H: Cardiac Imaging
- MGMT 340H: Business Ethics & Corp Soc Resp
- MGMT 370H: Honors Leadership & Behavior
- PSYC 101H: Honors Intro to Psychology
- PSYC 221H: Honors Psychological Disorders
- SCBI 200: Honors Leadership & Networking
- SOFA 511H: Film Sound Theory: Music
- SOIS 205: Practicing & Assessing Leadership
- SOIS 214: Intro Leader Theory Practice

**Shopping carts are open in SIS and enrollment starts as early as 10/10!**



## Visionary Voices: World Affairs Council

### Don't Miss Out on the November World Affairs Council!

The speaker for the November World Affairs Council is senior fellow and head of the Alliance for Securing Democracy's information manipulation team Bret Schafer. He has spoken at global conferences and advised multiple governments and organization as an expert in tech regulation and computational propaganda and served as the co-chair of the EU's Foreign Interference and Malign Information Information Sharing and Analysis Center (FIMI ISAC). The topic, "**Foreign Propaganda in the Age of AI**," will focus on how AI and other technological advancements have influenced the spread of information and what our response, if any, should be.

#### Important Dates & Times

- 10/27: preparatory reading material will be emailed to all registrants
- 11/02: preparatory brunch discussion at Panera from 10:00-11:00am
- 11/04: World Affairs Council event

Note that the preparatory brunch is on Sunday instead of Saturday to account for Internal Admission Honors Orientation.

11/04 from 5:00-9:00pm

Irondequoit Country Club: 4045 East Ave., Rochester NY 14618

**Attending World Affairs Council is approved complementary learning!**

Register for November World Affairs Council



## 10/24 Honors Hour This Friday!

The weather is turning and it is finally starting to feel like fall. Join us for a fall celebration Honors Hour to celebrate the end of midterms and change of the seasons here in Rochester.

As always, pizza will be provided, but we will also have some fall-themed treats like warm apple cider and apple fritters and doughnuts to get into the spirit!

10/24 from 11:30am-12:30pm  
Global Village Fire Pit

[Register for 10/24 Honors Hour](#)



### 10/29 Honors Halloween With CWC

Don't be a scaredy cat, get into the spooky season spirit with the annual Honors Halloween party! The Community & Wellness Committee is throwing a party for all Honors students just in time for Halloween.

Socialize and celebrate with your Honors friends as you show off your creativity painting pumpkins and snack on some Halloween candy. Make sure to dress to impress in your best costume and participate in the costume contest for the chance to win a fun prize! Stop by for a good time, we hope to see you there!

10/29 from 6:30-8:30pm  
CPC 2650 (Bamboo Room)

[Register for Honors Halloween With CWC](#)





# 11th Annual Honors Research & Creativity Symposium

## Upcoming Deadlines: Honors Research & Creativity Symposium

The Honors Research & Creativity Symposium is back! At the Symposium 100+ Honors students will present their research, Honors Option projects, and creative endeavors during four rounds of 25 minute poster presentations. Attendees will receive complementary learning hours (minus your time presenting).

The Honors Office can coordinate the printing of your poster and you can use your Honors Grant to cover the costs (\$44.97) if you would like. Make sure to submit your abstract and poster by the deadline to take advantage of this service!

### Important Deadlines

- Abstract submissions: 11/09
- Poster submissions: 11/17

12/06 from 2:00-4:30pm  
SHED 3300

[Submit Your Intent to Present/Abstract](#)

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## Complementary Learning

Please see below our highlight opportunities 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 required 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.

[Submit Complementary Learning](#)

## 11/18: Giving Tuesday's Hunger Project



### Join the Annual Giving Tuesday Event!

Every year, RIT partners with US Hunger to package and prepare meals for those in need through RIT FoodShare and Rochester's FoodLink. This year, 300 volunteers (that could be you!) will put together 30,000 healthy meals for the local community!

Get in the spirit of Thanksgiving and give back to your community by helping to fight the battle of combating food insecurity!

Volunteers can choose to participate in one of three shifts throughout the event.

**Shift 1:** 11:00am-12:00pm

**Shift 2:** 12:30-1:30pm

**Shift 3:** 2:00-3:00pm

**11/18 from 11:00am-3:00pm (Multiple shifts)**

**RIT Gordon Field House**

Register for the 2025 Hunger Project

"Every day is a chance to create a memory and to love a little more"  
-Robin Roberts

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