



Honors students playing games and bonding at Internal Admission Orientation | Ethan Flynn (@flynn.portraits)

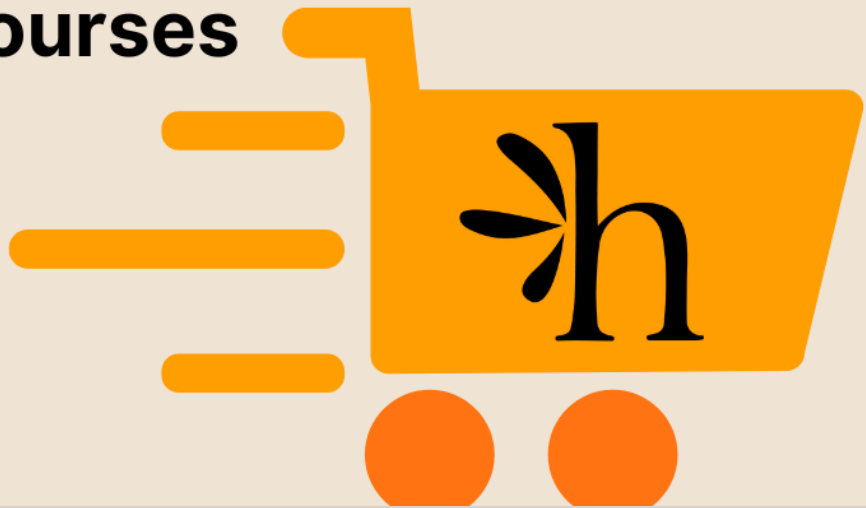
Welcome Internal Admission Honors Students!

On Saturday, March 22 the Honors Program welcomed 81 new students who were accepted through the internal admission process at our annual Internal Admission Orientation. Incoming students were grouped with peers from similar colleges and were led through the morning activities by their Honors Internal Admit Orientation Mentor. After checking in, the program kicked off with breakfast, ice breakers, and trivia (shoutout to table six for the win!). Dr. Lutzer provided a comprehensive overview of program requirements and what it means to be an Honors student at RIT, then the friendly competition continued with a chance for students to test their knowledge on what they just learned with another quiz game for fun prizes. The event rounded out with a presentation from Honors Council President Ellie Fairchild and former Internal Admit Delegate Alaina Mupparthi, and interactive games and table bonding led by the Mentors. If you have the chance to connect with one of our newest students, please welcome them to the program. Thanks to everyone for attending and making this event possible! We look forward to seeing each of you grow and thrive in the Honors Program.

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Fall 2025 Honors Courses



Fall 2025 Honors Courses Are Here

Shopping carts are open for Fall enrollment!

That means Honors courses are available for you to add to your shopping cart for the Fall '25 semester. Honors courses are designed specifically with the needs of Honors students in mind, enriching academic excellence and leadership, and are a

Fall '25 Honors Courses

Senior Seminars

- ITDS 450: Science in the Modern World (T 8:00-9:15am)

General Courses (3 credits)

great way to earn Honors points towards your requirement.

Honors courses can be seen on SIS by selecting "additional ways to search" > "search class attributes" > "honors". These courses are typically, but not always, identified by name or an "H" (e.g., MATH-241H).

Honors courses are just one way to earn points. Please visit the [Honors Points page](#) of the Honors website for descriptions of all the ways in which you can earn points as an Honors student.

Please remember that students must earn at least 1 honors point per academic cycle, so now is the time to start thinking about how you will fulfill that requirement next year.

- CSCI 264: Honors Analysis of Algorithms (T/Th 3:30-4:45pm)
- MATH 221H: Honors Multivariable and Vector Calculus (T/Th 2:00-3:50pm)
- MGMT 340H: Bus. Ethics & Corp. Social Resp. (T/Th 11:00-12:15pm)
- PSYC 101H: Honors Intro to Psychology (T/Th 11:00-12:15pm)
- SOCI 102H: Honors Sociology (TBA)
- SOIS 205: Practicing and Assessing Leadership (TBA)
- SOIS 240: Harmonica & the Blues (M/W 3:00-4:15pm or 5:00-6:15pm)

Fall 2025 Honors Courses

HONORS COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE HERE!

NOMINATIONS FROM 3/26-4/06



Election Time Is Here: Honors Council Elections

Nominations for Honors Council are open!

A message from Honors Council President Ellie Fairchild:
Nominations are now open if you would like to run for a council position. Honors Council is the governing body of the Honors Program and helps plan many of the amazing events for students like you. Council is a great opportunity to gain leadership skills and have an impact on the Honors community. All Honors students are eligible to run for a delegate position for their college or a community delegate!

Nomination and Election Process

Delegates from each college and several community groups are elected to serve on the Honors Council for a one-year term that begins next Fall. Honors students can nominate themselves or one of their peers for each delegate position and President (nominees for President must have previously served at least one year on Council).

There are positions for ten college delegates, and four community delegates representing the following constituencies: BIPOC students, deaf and HOH students, internal admission students (students accepted to the program in spring 2025 are eligible to run), and international students. We will conduct a special election for a first-year delegate next fall.

Nominations will be open from today - Wednesday, 3/26 through Sunday, 4/06 at 11:55pm. Elections will take place from Monday, 4/07 through Sunday, 4/13 at 11:55pm.

Nomination Forms

[College Delegate
Nomination Form](#)

[Community Delegate
Nomination Form](#)

[President Nomination
Form](#)



3/28 Honors Hour: 6x6 Rochester Contemporary Art Center Fundraiser

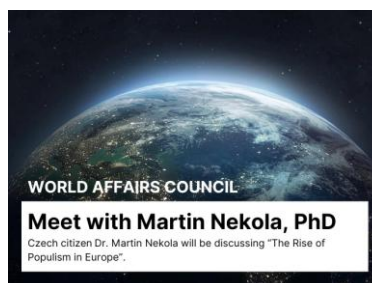
Honors Hour is back this Friday, so join your friends and make art for a great cause! Come to Honors Hour and make 6x6-inch masterpieces for Rochester Contemporary Art Center's annual fundraiser. We'll supply all the materials and you'll provide the creativity and inspiration. You don't need to be the next Picasso to participate, all are welcome and encouraged to attend!

This activity is approved for complementary learning, and as always, there will be pizza and drinks provided.

**3/28 from 11:30am-12:30pm
SAU 1510 (1829 room)**

[Register for Honors Hour](#)

Updates & Announcements



4/03 Coffee & Chat

Welcome in the start of Spring and sunny days to come with a Coffee & Chat that is all things yellow. Brighten up from the Winter gloom with cheery yellow beverages and treats in all sorts of fun flavors. Take the time to enjoy the nice weather outside and stop by the Honors Office this lovely Friday morning for snacks and conversation.

**4/03 from 10:30-11:30am
Honors Office**

[Register for
Coffee & Chat](#)

4/08 April World Affairs Council

The World Affairs Council for April will be led by Czech citizen with a doctorate in political science from Charles University in Prague, Dr. Martin Nekola on the topic, "The Rise of Populism in Europe". This discussion will focus on current developments in Europe since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and how populist tendencies are on the rise in the EU amidst the war and changing relations.

Students who register will receive a reading list on Monday, March 31, and will meet with Dr. Lutzer on Saturday, April 5 for a breakfast meeting to discuss and plan for the group discussion. Students will then meet with Dr. Nekola the evening of Tuesday, April 8 at the Irondequoit Country Club for a small group discussion followed by dinner Nekola's formal remarks.

**4/08 from 5:00-9:00pm
Irondequoit Country Club:
4045 East Ave., Rochester,
NY, 14618**

Honors Program Completion Survey

Have you been in the Honors Program for three or more semesters? Are you planning to graduate in 2026? Please fill out the survey linked below to help evaluate your progress in the program. The Honors Program is dedicated to helping every student develop a plan to successfully complete the Honors Program. Your responses will let us know if you are on track towards fulfilling the requirements and help you create an achievement plan to further your progress. We care about your success! As always, feel free to reach out to honors@rit.edu or stop by the office with questions.

[2026 Graduate Completion
Survey](#)

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

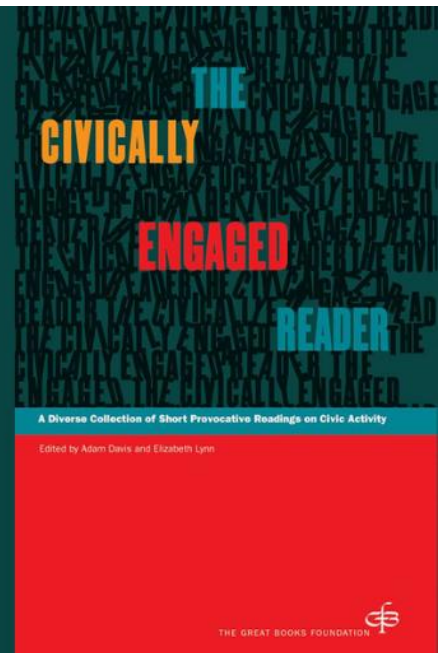
All complementary learning hours should be submitted contemporaneously, within 30 days of the event or activity, through the submission [form](#) located within the *User Tools* tab of the Honors website.

4/03 *The Meaning of Service* Reading & Discussion Group

The Meaning of Service

Reading & Discussion Group

Reading:
Selection from "Democracy
in America"
-Alexis de Tocqueville



The next *Meaning of Service* reading & discussion group is here! We will be discussing a selection from classic French work *Democracy in America* by French historian, politician, and philosopher Alexis de Tocqueville. After visiting the

**4/03 from 6:30-7:30pm
WAL A440**

United States in 1831, Tocqueville wrote the book as an analysis on the functioning of American democracy and the successes of the democratic revolution. The excerpt we will be reading is from chapter five, "[On the Use Which the Americans Make of Associations in Civil Life](#)". Please feel free to read ahead of time and begin thinking about your relationship to the ideas forwarded by de Tocqueville.

This session will be co-facilitated by first-year CET Honors student Ryan Jackson.

All *Meaning of Service* events count towards complementary learning and pizza will be provided so make sure to stop by! Keep on the lookout for the last event of the semester which will be April 10 on ZOOM.

[Register for 4/03
*The Meaning of
Service Reading &
Discussion Group*](#)

"We are sleeping on a volcano...A wind of revolution blows, the storm is on the horizon."
-Alexis de Tocqueville prior to the outbreak of revolution in Europe [translated]