As a requirement of the Honors First Year Interdisciplinary Seminar, we offer you the opportunity to learn about cultural and service/volunteer activities in the Wilmington area and on campus! You are expected to meet these requirements to remain in good standing* in the Honors College.

Guidelines for Cultural Events

One of the goals of your college education, and your HON 110 seminar, is to introduce you to the enrichment and pleasure of high culture. Your full life as a well-educated person will involve experiencing cultural events as a well-informed observer or participant. Regardless of your major, or future career, such activities will be a source of enrichment and joy throughout your life. To begin you or further you on this path, HON 110 requires that you attend five cultural events in Wilmington during the course of your first year (3 during the fall semester and 2 during the spring semester). UNCW and Wilmington offer a rich array of such events, and you are certain to find something of interest to you.

In the course of selecting your fall events, you will be expected to attend at least

- one fine arts performance, and
- one public lecture by an academician or respected professional
- The third can be in any area of your choice

Your assignment is to attend the event, and then write a thoughtful 1.5 page (several paragraph) typed reflection on the experience.

To earn full credit, note the DATE of the activity, NAME of the activity, TYPE of activity (fine arts, lecture, other), briefly describe what you did, then reflect on the experience by answering the following questions:

- Was this a new cultural experience for you?
- What did you learn? Did you learn anything new about the area, residents of Wilmington, university, or yourself through this activity?
- Is this an activity that you'd like to do again? One that you would recommend to others?
- How was the experiential component important?... that is, What did you learn that you could not have learned by reading a book on the topic?
- You might say any number of things, but for full credit the statement should be thoughtful, careful, genuine and articulate. A good idea is to conduct some research on the performer, the genre, the topic of the lecture, in order to take fullest advantage of the experience and give your comment the appropriate level of depth.

Examples of Cultural activities:

- Academically-related Speakers on Campus
- Culture/History of Wilmington: Cape Fear Museum, Carriage Rides/ Historic Tours Downtown, Fort Fisher Museum
- Arts: Cinematique, Louise Wells Cameron Art Museum, gallery shows (New Elements, NOFO), Wilmington Symphony, Thalian Hall Productions, UNCW Theatre productions, campus art exhibits
- River/Sea/Animals: NC Aquarium, Wilmington Serpentarium, Henrietta Riverboat cruise and historic tour
- Cultural and Arts events/programs on campus: http://www.uncw.edu/arts/index.html including the Leadership Lecture Series and Arts in Action http://www.uncw.edu/presents/
- Common Reading events: http://uncw.edu/commonreading/

Note: Events that can be considered pop culture, sporting events, or other less formal events will not count toward your total, but do not hesitate to attend them as your schedule permits. Events in which
you are a participant or performer will likewise not count for this assignment. Do not attempt to cut corners in selecting events that are too casual or that simply manage to come easily your way; make an effort to reach out of your own comfort zone or experience. We urge you to “Try Something Different”! Be honest with yourself in that regard.

Should you need further clarification on this valuable assignment, speak with your HON 110 mentor or instructor. Please note: turn in your papers to your HON 110 instructor. This includes the spring papers.

What doesn’t “count”:

- ACE or other movies on campus (unless there is a formal discussion afterwards) or movies in local theatres
- religious services
- sports events
- eating out at a new restaurant
- going to the beach or parks
- local festival street fairs
- activities outside the Wilmington area, except for one cultural reaction that can be based on the LYCEUM

Guidelines for Service Requirement

**Service/Volunteer Projects- 2 service projects and reactions required Fall semester**

As honors students in high school, you were typically involved in volunteer opportunities such as tutoring, environmental awareness projects, etc. As part of your HON 110 class, we urge you to find new ways to volunteer in your new community! You are expected to participate in at least two different service activities (involving a minimum of 4 hours of service and in addition to the Honors Beach Sweep) in the Fall semester.

Please note: Volunteer activities must be done on campus or in the Wilmington area to meet this class requirement.

You will need to turn in a typed reaction to each service experience, 1-2 pages in length, to your HON 110 instructor.

To earn full credit, note the DATE of the activity, NAME of the activity, briefly describe what you did, then reflect on the experience by answering the following questions:

- How did this activity serve the UNCW or Wilmington community?
- What did you learn? Did you learn anything new about the area, residents of Wilmington, or yourself through this activity?
- Is this a volunteer activity that you’d like to do again? One that you would recommend to others?
- You can certainly include other comments as well.

Some Volunteering Ideas:

- Tutoring (Learning Center, Math Lab);
- Service Events (Center for Leadership Studies coordinates these);
- Service projects with clubs (like Honors Scholars Association).
- More ideas: [http://www.uncw.edu/osle/](http://www.uncw.edu/osle/)

*Definition of “good standing” and why it’s important --

Students must complete all service/cultural requirements for Honors 110 as part of the course and as part of their continued good standing in the Honors College. Only students in good standing are considered for merit scholarships (new or renewal) and priority registration.