



FAQs for 2014-2018 Students Interested in Moving to the 2018-2020 Curriculum

I entered the Honors College before Fall 2018. Am I part of the “new” or 2018-2020 curriculum? No. The “new,” or 2018, curriculum automatically applies only to students entering the Honors College in Fall 2018 or later.

I’m not under the 2018-2020 curriculum but I’m interested moving to it. I have some questions:

1. **If I choose to switch to the 2018-2020, when is the deadline?** May 2, 2019. There is *no late petition process.*
2. **If I switch to the 2018-2020 catalog, can I switch back?** No.
3. **Do I have to switch catalogs for my major?** No.
4. **What is required for switching, process-wise?** You need to meet with your Academic Counselor. If you decide to switch, you will sign a form indicating your choice to opt into the 2018-2020 Curriculum.
5. **What are the basic requirements to be an Honors College Graduate?**
 - a. **Curricular requirements:** (complete all)
 - i. 5 Experience categories spread out over at least 4 categories as detailed in the 2018-2020 Catalog. NOTE: self-designed activities and non-Honors coursework may count for an experience. (see #11 below)
 - ii. Complete one of the following: HON 4984 (House Tutorial III), another Experience, or COB Honors Program
 - iii. 2 Tutorial courses: HON 2983 (House Tutorial I) and HON 3984 (House Tutorial II)
 - iv. 1 Civic Ethos course: HON 2301
 - v. GPA of 3.5 or higher at time of graduation
 - b. **Non-curricular requirements:** non-curricular requirements are annual requirements that begin when the students begins the 2018-2020 curriculum. If you switch to the 2018-2020 curriculum, you would not have to substitute in anything. You would start the non-curricular requirements the semester in which your 2018-2020 curriculum switch is approved.
6. **What if I don’t meet the 3.5 GPA?** If your GPA is lower than a 3.5 but at least a 3.3, you can switch to the 2018-2020 curriculum and still maintain your membership in the Honors College, which gives you access to Honors College events, messaging about other opportunities, courses and early registration. However, you need a 3.5 GPA to graduate from the Honors College, along with the requirements described above.
7. **Are there tracks?** No.
8. **Are there distinctions?** Yes, one. If you want to graduate “with Distinction,” you would complete one of the two remaining options in i.-iii. In Curricular Requirements above **OR** the Archer program
9. **How do I know what things I’ve already done will transfer into the 2018-2020 Curriculum?**
 - a. **Experience Substitutions** (NOTE: you can do 2 experiences in one Experience category 2-9.)
 - i. HON AIS = HON AIS (Experience 1 in 2018-2010 Catalog)
 - ii. Contracted Course or Section = Elective experience (Experience 11 in 2018-2020 Catalog)



- iii. Thesis = Research and Intellectual Achievement experience (Experience 4 in 2018-2010 Catalog)
 - iv. Study Abroad = Cultural Exploration if it was a semester long. If it was not a semester long, it must first be approved by an Academic Counselor. (Experience 5 in 2018-2010 Catalog)
 - v. Independent Study = Independent Study experience (Experience 10 in 2018-2010 Catalog)
 - vi. Internship = Professional Development experience (Experience 3 in 2018-2020 Catalog)
 - vii. FTK = Leadership experience (Experience 9 in 2018-2010 Catalog)
 - viii. Archer Fellowship = 2 Experiences and Distinction
 - 1. HON 3533 = Service experience
 - 2. HON 4933 or 4936 = Professional Development experience
 - 3. Completion of Archer program (includes HON 3513 and HON 3523) = Distinction
 - ix. Leadership experience (Experience 9 in 2018-2010 Catalog) or 6th experience requirement
 - x. Citymester = 3 experiences (Service Learning – Experience 2 in 2018-2020 Catalog, Professional Development - Experience 3 in 2018-2020 Catalog, Interdisciplinary Seminar – Experience 8 in 2018-2020 Catalog)
 - xi. COB Honors = optional distinction (new COB Honors curriculum in development in 2018; check with COB for details)
 - xii. Double major = 1 experience (Experience 12 in 2018-2020 Catalog)
 - xiii. FAME = 1 experience (Experience 12 in 2018-2020 Catalog)
 - xiv. 2 year Honors program completed before transferring to UTSA = 1 experience (Experience 12 in 2018-2020 Catalog)
 - xv. Any other possible SPICES and Leadership coursework or independent activity that meets our requirements = 1 Experience (which Experience it fits depends on nature of coursework/activity; see #12 for details)
- b. **Tutorial course substitutions** (Tutorial I - HON 2983 and Tutorial II - HON 3984): any Honors courses not used above can be used for your Tutorial I and Tutorial II courses. If you only have one remaining HON course to substitute, we will substitute it for Tutorial II. This means you would only need to take Tutorial I.
 - c. **Civic Ethos course substitution:** Hon 2201: Honors Community Service will substitute for HON 2301: Civic Ethos.
 - d. **Honors 101:** you do not need to take Honors 101 if you migrate to the 2018-20 curriculum.
- 10. Will HON sections of core courses count?** Potentially. Check with your Honors Academic Counselor.
- 11. Will HON contracts count?** Potentially. Check with your Honors Academic Counselor.
- 12. I have now figured out all of my course substitutions. I have remaining Honors requirements, and I want to request approval for non-Honors Coursework or Self-Designed Activities to count as an Experience. What do I do?** Meet with your Academic Counselor to assess if the non-Honors coursework/activity meets the minimum requirements and, if so, get directions for the approval process.
- 13. I have more questions. Who do I talk to?** Your Honors Academic Counselor. Your specific Academic Counselor will be listed in Degree Works. It is the second name listed. The first name is your advisor for your major.