Honors College Glossary of Terms

Curriculum? Paths? SPICES? Need some clarification? This is the section for you! Below, we'll define the terms you'll see throughout your Honors College experience:

- **"THE Honors Experience" (T.H.E.) Curriculum**: Your program of study, including its course and non-course requirements. This is the program of study for any student who entered the Honors College in Fall 2018 or later, or for students who entered earlier but have chosen to follow this program of study.
- **Legacy "Old" Curriculum**: This is the program of study for any student who entered the Honors College prior to Fall 2018.
- **Catalog**: The catalog is the official description of curricula. You can find it [here](#).
- **Graduation Paths**: There are three ways to move through the Honors College at UTSA. They are called "paths". For details, see [here](#).
- **SPICES**: SPICES is the acronym for our experiential learning categories: Service, Professional Development, Intellectual Achievement beyond GPA, Cultural Exploration, Engaged Living, and Skill Development. See [here](#) for more details.
- **HERBS**: HERBS is the acronym for our Honors College ethos: Honorable, Equitable, Resilient, Benevolent, Supportive.
- **Honors Events**: One of the benefits and eligibility requirements for an Honors College student is to attend three Honors events each long semester (Fall and Spring). Information on upcoming events are listed in the weekly Monday messages.
- **Honors Experiences**: "Experiences" are a shortcut way of talking about your Honors requirements. You can complete Experiences through Honors coursework, non-Honors UTSA coursework, and independently designed activities.
- **Honors Seminars**: One kind of Experience is an upper level Honors seminar. Our seminars are rooted in a discipline, but they are open to all majors. A few have prerequisites so be sure to read the Comments section in ASAP!
- **Peer Coaches**: Peer coaches are Honors students whose goal is to help incoming Honors students find the path that is right for them. They help students grow and develop skills and provide insight into events and opportunities available to students. Students who are interested in entering the Peer Coach program can sign up in the Spring semester. Options will be for a one or three credit hour course, in which training will be provided.
- **Honors Counselors**: Honors Counselors will guide you through your entire time in the Honors College for Honors College requirements and during your first year for your major requirements. For more details, see the [Counselors page](#).
- **Advisors**: Advisors are your major-specific advisors that will be able to help you with any major-related questions or concerns after you complete your first year at the Honors College.
- **Honors Thesis**: The thesis project provides the opportunity for a student – in close consultation with expert members of the faculty – to define and carry through a line of research or a creative enterprise appropriate to the conclusion of a serious and substantial undergraduate program of study.
- **ELF**: The ELF is the Experiential Learning Fair. For any Honors Experience, you can present a poster. For any independent activity that you would like to have approved as an Experience, you have to present a poster. For more details, see the [ELF page](#).