

Human Biology and Society Major Application Process FAQs

1) What will the HBS application consist of?

Acceptance to the HBS major is based on a holistic application process. Admission will be based on your progress through the pre-major coursework, pre-major grades & GPA, activities/involvement, and a personal statement question. There are no interviews, references, or letters of recommendations required or accepted.

2) If I do not have the minimum number of pre-major requirements done or the minimum pre-major GPA, am I still allowed to apply?

You may still apply even if you are missing some minimum requirements. Please provide an explanation on the last page of the application.

3) Do my Spring quarter classes count towards the minimum pre-major courses needed for application?

Yes, all pre-major requirements for HBS BA and at least 13 pre-major requirements (including Soc Gen 5/Cluster M71A/M72A) for the HBS BS need to be completed by the *end of 2nd year Spring quarter*. Therefore, you can still have some courses in progress and have it count towards the minimum count.

For BA students, one exception for the 2018 Spring cycle is that applicants will not be penalized for missing LS 7C, as long as they are completing LS 7B in Spring 2018.

4) Do my summer classes count towards the minimum? What should I indicate for these courses?

Summer courses do not count towards the minimum needed, but you may indicate your plans and select "Summer 2018" for Part 3.

5) Is there a limit to the number of students in one concentration? Can I change it once I'm admitted?

No, there is no limit to the number of students per concentration, and you may change it once you are admitted. The concentration title also does not appear on your diploma or transcript when you graduate.

6) How do I run a model degree audit report for HBS to attach to my application?

When you access your DARS, click on "run selected program" and choose:

School/College: Choose College of Letters & Science


Catalog Year: Choose the quarter you were admitted to UCLA

Catalog Year for Major: Choose Fall 2018 (the quarter you'd begin HBS)

Major: HBS B.A. or B.S.

Concentration: Whichever one you choose

Click on Run Audit

To obtain a PDF of your report, click on [View/Download](#)  below the pie chart/graphs

7) Who is on the admissions committee?

The admissions committee is comprised of ISG faculty. The Undergraduate Counselor coordinates the administrative aspect of the application process.

8) Do we need to declare pre-HBS to apply to the HBS major? Are pre-HBS students favored over other majors?

No, you do not need to be a pre-HBS student to apply to the major. Pre-HBS majors do not have any advantage over non pre-majors.

Post-application

1) When will we hear back about the decisions?

Applicants will be notified about the decisions mid-late Spring quarter by email.

2) If I do not get accepted in the Spring quarter, can I appeal or re-apply?

No, all decisions are final and students only have one chance to apply. Thus, it is very important for all students to have an alternative major in mind, and also meet the respective counselors to ensure that they are still on track for other majors.

3) Can I apply to the Society and Genetics minor if I'm not admitted to the HBS major?

Yes, students have the option to apply to our Society and Genetics minor during the Fall quarter of their 3rd year if they desire.

4) Am I allowed to switch from the HBS BS to BA, or from the BS to BA if I'm admitted?

No, you must stick with the degree that you are admitted to.