Spring 2021 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 two personal statement questions. 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 section 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 B.A. and at least 13 pre-major requirements (including Soc Gen 5/Cluster M71A/M72A) for the HBS B.S. 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.

4) Do Pass grades count towards fulfilling the minimum application requirements?

Yes, starting Spring 2020 up to and including Winter 2021, the Institute for Society and Genetics has established a policy to accept Pass grades to cover Pre-HBS major, HBS major, and Society and Genetics minor requirements. The Pass/No Pass policy is a temporary policy established during this COVID-19 pandemic. In the HBS major applications, you can select Pass/No Pass as grading options for any given Pre-HBS major requirement.

5) Do my summer 2021 classes count towards the minimum? What should I indicate for these courses?

Summer 2021 courses do not count towards the minimum needed, but you may indicate your plans at the end for the Pre-Major Coursework Section. Additionally, for Summer 2021 courses you will take just use the ‘In Progress’ grading option.

6) Does my choice of concentration affect my chances of being admitted? Can I change it once I’m admitted?
No, your choice of the HBS concentration does not affect your chances of being admitted, and you may change it once you are admitted. The concentration title also does not appear on your diploma or transcript when you graduate.

7) **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:
1. **School/College**: Choose College of Letters & Science
2. **Catalog Year**: Choose the quarter you were admitted to UCLA
3. **Catalog Year for Major**: Choose Fall 2021 (the quarter you’d begin HBS)
4. **Major**: HBS B.A. or HBS B.S.
5. **Concentration**: Whichever one you choose
6. Click on **Run Audit**
7. Click on **View Audit**, and to print click on **View/Download**

8) **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.

9) **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-HBS 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 with their respective college 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 beginning of Fall quarter of their 3rd year, if they desire.

4) **Am I allowed to switch from the HBS BS to BA, or from the HBS BA to BS if I’m admitted?**
No, you must stick with the degree that you are admitted to.