

Fall 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 follow the guidelines on the application regarding the Petition for Exception to Minimum Requirements Section.

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

Yes, fall quarter courses in progress will count towards the minimum count. Ideally, 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 have been completed by the *end of 2nd year Spring quarter* **OR** *prior to starting at UCLA for transfer students*. Additionally, *incoming transfer students* may apply even if Soc Gen 5/Cluster M71A/Cluster M72A is missing.

4) Do my summer classes count towards the minimum?

Summer courses count towards the minimum course requirements needed to apply.

5) 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. The concentration title also does not appear on your diploma or official transcript when you graduate. Also for Fall 2021 applicants know that when you are declared into the major starting Winter 2022, the HBS major will no longer have concentrations students need to declare with their major.


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:

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 Winter 2022 (the quarter you'd begin in 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** 

7) Who is on the admissions committee?

The admissions committee is comprised of the Institute for Society and Genetics' 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-HBS majors.

9) Who can apply to the Fall quarter HBS Major Application?

Only students who are part of Class of 2023. Additionally, the following students are also encouraged to apply:

- Juniors who did not apply to our Spring quarter HBS major application
- Incoming Transfer Students not originally accepted into our Pre-HBS majors:
 - Transfer students can only apply to our HBS B.S. major if they were admitted into another life science major.
 - Transfer students can only apply to our HBS B.A. major if they were admitted under a non-life science major.

10) I am a transfer student and am missing Society and Genetics 5 – am I penalized for this?

Incoming transfer students are not penalized for missing Society and Genetics 5 since we do not have any equivalent courses at community colleges. Transfer students who are admitted into the HBS major will be required to enroll in SOC GEN 5 for Winter 2022.

Post-application

1) When will we hear back about the decisions?

Applicants will be notified about the decisions before Winter quarter enrollment begins.

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

No, all decisions are final and students only have one chance to apply. Fall is the last time continuing juniors and new transfers can apply to the Human Biology and Society major.

3) Can I apply to the Society and Genetics minor in the Fall too?

Yes, students applying to our Fall HBS major application have the option to apply to our Society and Genetics minor as well. The deadline for the minor for Class of 2023 students is ***Friday, October 15, 2021 by 3:00pm.***

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 into.