Human Biology

Courses offered by the Program in Human Biology are listed under the subject code HUMBIO on the (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/schoolofhumanitiesandsciences/humanbiology/). The program offers a Bachelor of Arts in Human Biology (http://www.stanford.edu/dept/registrar/bulletin/5917.htm), as well as a minor and an honors program.

Mission of the Undergraduate Program in Human Biology

The mission of the undergraduate program in Human Biology is to provide students with an interdisciplinary approach to understanding human beings from biological, behavioral, social, and cultural perspectives. Courses in the major allow students to see connections and parallels with other fields as they learn to formulate and evaluate health, environmental, and other public policy issues that influence human welfare. The program prepares majors to pursue advanced training in professional or graduate programs.

To achieve these goals, all students complete a 30-unit core sequence, normally in the sophomore year, which provides the foundation for the major. Also during the sophomore year, students consult with student advisers to choose a faculty adviser and complete the declaration process. Together they plan a road map of course work designed to help each student focus on an area of interest within Human Biology. Early planning and subsequent refining of an individualized course of study, in consultation with student and faculty advisers, is a strength and requirement of the program. The curriculum draws on faculty from across the University.

To complete a B.A. in Human Biology, students must take courses from within the program and from other University departments. Most Human Biology majors go on to advanced training in professional schools, or graduate programs in the behavioral, natural, and social sciences, including coterminous master’s degree programs in other University departments. Additional information about the major may be obtained from the program’s offices or at the Program in Human Biology (http://humbio. stanford.edu) web site.

Learning Outcomes (Undergraduate)

The program expects its undergraduate majors to be able to demonstrate the following learning outcomes. These learning outcomes are used in evaluating students and the Program in Human Biology. Students are expected to demonstrate:

1. ability to acquire and synthesize scientific information from a variety of sources,
2. ability to apply analytical tools to evaluate policy.
3. ability to interpret knowledge in meaningful and appropriate ways as they draw conclusions about the significance of their findings.
4. ability to communicate their scientific ideas clearly and persuasively.

Student Advisers

Human Biology has an advising program comprising faculty and student advisers. Before declaring Human Biology as the undergraduate major, each student must meet with one of six student advisers who assist in developing a coherent study plan based on an individualized area of concentration, and the selection of foundation, concentration, and upper-division courses. The student advisers also assist students in selecting an appropriate faculty adviser and a suitable internship for their area of concentration and career goals. Student advisers offer drop-in services during scheduled office hours every weekday and some evenings. The student advisers also sponsor events including the Internship Faire, Beyond HumBio, and declaration workshops. To maintain high standards of advising that respond to the needs of individual students, student advisers meet weekly with the program’s faculty advising chairs and the student services coordinator to review the program’s policies and specific student inquiries and petitions concerning the program.

Storey House

Storey House, 544 Lasuen Mall, is an undergraduate resident theme house for Human Biology, devoted to developing an intellectual community among Human Biology majors at Stanford, and allowing faculty and students to become acquainted and share their Human Biology interests and research. Its goals are to foster intellectual discussion in the residential lives of the students living in Storey House, mentoring relationships between upperclassmen and core students in the house, and stimulating events for all Human Biology majors facilitated by academic theme associates.

Assignment is made through the regular undergraduate housing draw.

Bachelor of Arts in Human Biology

Declaring the Major

A prospective major must consult with the student and faculty advisers to obtain detailed information about the program and guidance in the development of an individual course of study. At the time the major is declared, the student must submit a written statement (3-5 pages) of academic and long-term goals and the proposed list of courses satisfying the requirements for the major. The proposal is then reviewed by the student advisers who help identify an appropriate faculty adviser. Final approval of the proposed course of study rests with the faculty adviser.

It is important to declare early, preferably in early spring as soon as students have passed both Autumn and Winter Quarter core courses (HUMBIO 2A Genetics, Evolution, and Ecology, HUMBIO 2B Culture, Evolution, and Society, HUMBIO 3A Cell and Developmental Biology, HUMBIO 3B Behavior, Health, and Development). The University requires students to declare a major by the end of Spring Quarter of the sophomore year. Under special circumstances students may declare as late as Autumn Quarter of the junior year. Petitions to declare late require additional documentation and are less likely to be approved.

Students who plan to pursue graduate work should be aware of the admission requirements of the schools to which they intend to apply. Early planning is advisable to guarantee completion of major and graduate school requirements.
Degree Requirements

The B.A. in Human Biology (HUMBIO) requires a minimum of 87 units in the major divided among four levels of courses:

1. Fundamental Program: at least 38 units, to include
   A. Human Biology Core (30 units); see “Human Biology Core” below for more information. The Human Biology Core refers to:

   B. Units
   HUMBIO 2A Genetics, Evolution, and Ecology 5
   HUMBIO 2B Culture, Evolution, and Society 5
   HUMBIO 3A Cell and Developmental Biology 5
   HUMBIO 3B Behavior, Health, and Development 5
   HUMBIO 4A The Human Organism 5
   HUMBIO 4B Environmental and Health Policy Analysis 5

   C. Statistics (4-5 units). The core and statistics courses must be taken for a letter grade by majors. Statistics may be chosen from courses such as:

   D. Units
   STATS 60 Introduction to Statistical Methods: Precalculus or STATISTICS 114 Biostatistics
   or PSYCH 10 Introduction to Statistical Methods: Precalculus
   SOC 181B Sociological Methods: Statistics
   BIO 141 Biostatistics 3-5

   E. Internship: HUMBIO 197 Human Biology Internship, 4 units.

   F. The internship requirement, a mentored non-classroom project, is graded satisfactory/no credit only.

2. Foundation Courses: 20-unit minimum. Total units vary, depending on the focus of study chosen by the student for the area of concentration. They may include introductory-level courses from across the University and lab courses. The minimum grade requirement for foundation courses is ‘C-.’

3. Area of Concentration: a minimum of five courses totaling at least 20 units. This in-depth area of study enables the student to focus on educational and post-baccalaureate goals. Courses are non-introductory, theory-based, and are usually numbered over 100. Three or more departments must be represented in the concentration. Each course must be taken for a minimum of 3 units. Minimum grade requirement for Upper Division courses is “C-”. The area of concentration is individually designed by the student in consultation with the student advisers and faculty adviser. Final approval of the concentration rests with the student advisers and faculty adviser. All area of concentration courses must be taken for a letter grade. The minimum grade requirement for area of concentration courses is ‘C-‘. The area of concentration generally has an emphasis in one, and sometimes more than one, of the following eight areas:

   Area 1: Environment and Environmental Policy
   • Environment
   • Environmental Policy
   • Culture/Demography/Human Ecology

   Area 2: Health and Health Policy
   • Health Policy
   • Public Health
   • International Health

   Area 3: Human Performance

   Area 4: Human Development
   • Biological Development
   • Psychological Development
   • Education

   Area 5: Biomedical Science
   • Genetics
   • Molecular Biology
   • Human Physiology
   • Infectious Diseases

   Area 6: Brain and Behavior

   Area 7: Ethics and Medical Humanities

   Area 8: Evolution

   A non-exclusive list of possible courses for each emphasis is available at the student advisers’ office or at the Area of Concentration Course List (https://humbio.stanford.edu/courses/aoc) web site.

4. Upper-Division Courses: students must take three Human Biology upper-division courses numbered 100 to 189. These courses should be used to explore subjects outside the area of concentration. One upper-division course may be taken satisfactory/no credit. Each course must be taken for a minimum of 3 units. Minimum grade requirement for Upper Division courses is “C-“. All non-laboratory advanced HUMBIO courses (those numbered 100 to 189) fulfill the Human Biology upper-division requirement. A list of Human Biology related/cognate courses can be found at the Related Courses (http://www.stanford.edu/dept/humbio/cgi-bin/?q=node/1382) web site.

Human Biology Core

Required core sequences (HUMBIO 2A Genetics, Evolution, and Ecology, HUMBIO 2B Culture, Evolution, and Society, HUMBIO 3A Cell and Developmental Biology, HUMBIO 3B Behavior, Health, and Development, and HUMBIO 4A The Human Organism, HUMBIO 4B Environmental and Health Policy Analysis) introduce the biological and social sciences, and most importantly, relationships between the two. Classes meet throughout the academic year. Students must register concurrently for the A and B series. Students should initiate the core in Autumn Quarter of the sophomore year. Freshmen are not permitted to enroll. Majors must earn a minimum letter grade of “C-“ in core courses. The Human Biology core consists of the following courses:

   Units
   HUMBIO 2A Genetics, Evolution, and Ecology 5
   HUMBIO 2B Culture, Evolution, and Society 5
   HUMBIO 3A Cell and Developmental Biology 5
   HUMBIO 3B Behavior, Health, and Development 5
   HUMBIO 4A The Human Organism 5
   HUMBIO 4B Environmental and Health Policy Analysis 5

Honors Program

The honors program in Human Biology provides qualified majors the opportunity to work closely with faculty on an individual research project, culminating in an honors thesis. Students may begin honors research from a number of starting points including topics introduced in the core or upper-division courses; independent interests stemming from an internship experience; or collaborating with faculty from the natural, social, or behavioral sciences.

Students may apply to the honors program if they have completed the Human Biology core with a minimum GPA of 3.0, have an overall Stanford grade point average (GPA) of 3.2, and meet other requirements detailed in
Minor in Human Biology

A minor in Human Biology provides an introductory background to the relationship between the biological and social aspects of humanity’s origin, development, and prospects. Many of the major problems facing human civilization today involve both biological and social aspects. Scientific approaches to these problems are essential, but they must be broadly conceived, integrating what is known of the biological with an understanding of the social and cultural setting in which they exist. Students with a minor in Human Biology are expected to develop a strong background in the integration between the biological and social aspects of human beings.

Students declaring a minor in Human Biology must do so no later than two quarters prior to their intended quarter of degree conferral (for example, a student must declare a minor before the end of Autumn Quarter to graduate the following Spring Quarter).

To minor in Human Biology, students must take the Human Biology Core (HUMBIO 2A Genetics, Evolution, and Ecology, HUMBIO 2B Culture, Evolution, and Society, HUMBIO 3A Cell and Developmental Biology, HUMBIO 3B Behavior, Health, and Development, HUMBIO 4A The Human Organism, and HUMBIO 4B Environmental and Health Policy Analysis) and one additional upper-division course (for example, any HUMBIO course numbered 100-189). The student must earn a minimum letter grade of ‘C-’. Courses that count towards the fulfillment of major requirements may not be counted towards the minor.

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Overseas Studies Courses in Human Biology

Students should consult their department or program’s student services office for applicability of Overseas Studies courses to a major or minor program.

The Bing Overseas Studies course search site (http://bosp.stanford.edu/cgi-bin/course_search.php) displays courses, locations, and quarters relevant to specific majors.

For course descriptions and additional offerings, see the listings in the Stanford Bulletin’s ExploreCourses (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/schoolofhumanitiesandsciences/humanbiology/http://explorecourses.stanford.edu) web site or the Bing Overseas Studies web site.

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