

Africana Studies and Political Science, BA (Boston)

The combined major in Africana studies and political science offers students the opportunity to integrate their studies of both disciplines and explore the historical, practical, and theoretical relationships between the two disciplines. In addition to considering the significant points of contention, students explore the ways in which insights from Africana studies can be brought to bear on the disciplinary issues and questions of political science. Within the combined major, students may also choose to concentrate their studies on a range of topics related to political behaviors and institutional developments in the United States, the Americas, Europe, Africa, and across the global African Diaspora.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA degree language requirements, for a total of 12 semester hours of language study or demonstrated equivalent proficiency, as described in Additional Requirements for BA students (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>). Successful demonstration of proficiency does not reduce total minimum semester hours of study required to earn the BA degree.

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

Africana Studies Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Introduction to Africana Studies | | |
| AFCS 1101 | Introduction to African American and Africana Studies | 4 |
| Approaches to the Field | | |
| Complete three of the following: | | 12 |
| AFCS 1140 | Introduction to African-American History | |
| AFCS 1270 | Introduction to Global Health | |
| AFCS 2270 | Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality | |
| AFCS 2325 | Black Feminist Studies | |
| AFCS 2600 | Issues in Race, Science, and Technology | |
| AFCS 3120 | Race, Crime, and Justice | |
| AFCS 3305 | Beyond the Binary: Race, Sex, and Science | |
| AFCS 3323 | Race, Inequality, and the Law | |
| AFCS 5001 | Special Topics in Race and the Law | |
| AFCS 5544 | Seminar in Black Leadership | |
| Exploring Intellectual Traditions and Cultural Production | | |
| Complete two of the following: | | 8 |
| AFCS 1113 | Black Popular Culture | |
| AFCS 2296 | Early African-American Literature | |
| AFCS 2455 | American Women Writers | |
| AFCS 2619 | Race and Religion in Film | |
| AFCS 2690 | Boston in Literature | |
| AFCS 3404 | African American Rhetorical Traditions | |
| AFCS 3664 | Black Poetry and the Spoken Word | |
| AFCS 3900 | Gender and Black World Literatures | |
| AFCS 4588 | Literature in Context | |
| Understanding Society and Social Movements | | |
| Complete two of the following: | | 8 |
| AFCS 1261 | Global Caribbean | |

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| AFCS 2318 | New England Stories: Storytelling and the African American Experience |
| AFCS 2325 | Black Feminist Studies |
| AFCS 2330 | Afro-Latin American Studies |
| AFCS 2337 | African American History Before 1900 |
| AFCS 2380 | Black Families and Incarceration |
| AFCS 2390 | Africa and the World in Early Times |
| AFCS 2410 | Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions |
| AFCS 2900 | Swahili, Culture, and Politics in Kenya |
| AFCS 3210 | Black Abolition Studies: Carcerality, Liberation, and Resistance |
| AFCS 3424 | Epidemiology of Pandemic Diseases and Health Disparities in the African Diaspora |
| AFCS 4526 | Afro-Asian Relations in the Americas |
| AFCS 4939 | Community Health, Culture, and Development in Kenya |

Political Science Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Core Courses | | |
| POLS 1150 | American Government | 4 |
| POLS 1155 | Comparative Politics | 4 |
| POLS 1160 | International Relations | 4 |
| POLS 2399 | Research Methods in Political Science | 4 |
| POLS 2400 | Quantitative Techniques | 4 |
| Political Theory | | |
| Complete one of the following: | | 4 |
| POLS 2325 | Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought | |
| POLS 2328 | Modern Political Thought | |
| POLS 2330 | American Political Thought | |
| POLS 2332 | Contemporary Political Thought | |

Political Science Electives

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| Complete three POLS courses at the 2000 level and above. | 12 |
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Political Science Concentrations (Optional)

If you are working toward one of the following concentrations, declare it with your advisor so that it may be added to your record.

- American Political Institutions (p. 3)
- Campaigns and Elections (p. 3)
- Comparative Politics (p. 3)
- Identity, Culture, and Politics (p. 4)
- International Relations and Diplomacy (p. 4)
- Law and Legal Studies (p. 4)
- Public Policy (p. 4)
- Security Studies (p. 5)

Supporting Courses for Political Science

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Mathematics | | |
| Complete one of the following to fulfill the prerequisite for POLS 2400: | | 4 |
| MATH 1213 | Interactive Mathematics | |
| MATH 1215 | Mathematical Thinking | |
| MATH 1231 | Calculus for Business and Economics | |
| MATH 1241 | Calculus 1 | |
| MATH 1251 | Calculus and Differential Equations for Biology 1 | |
| MATH 1341 | Calculus 1 for Science and Engineering | |

Integrative Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Integrative Courses | | |
| Complete one course from each discipline. | | |
| <i>Africana Studies</i> | | |
| AFCS 5001 | Special Topics in Race and the Law | 4 |
| <i>Political Science</i> | | |
| Complete one of the following: | | 4 |
| POLS 3324 | Law and Society | |
| POLS 3418 | Nationalism | |
| POLS 3487 | Politics of Developing Nations | |
| Capstone Requirement | | |
| Complete one of the following: | | 4 |
| AFCS 4700 | Capstone (if POLS 4701 or 4703 is chosen, choose an additional AFCS elective above 2000 level) | |
| POLS 4701 | Political Science Senior Capstone | |
| POLS 4703 | Senior Thesis | |

Major Credit Requirement

Complete 84 semester hours in the major.

Experiential Liberal Arts

All students in this College of Social Sciences and Humanities program are required to complete the Experiential Liberal Arts Requirement (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/#ela>).

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

CONCENTRATION IN AMERICAN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Complete four of the following: | | 16 |
| POLS 3160 | Campaign Strategy | |
| POLS 3300 | The U.S. Congress | |
| POLS 3302 | Judicial Process and Behavior | |
| POLS 3307 | Public Policy and Administration | |
| POLS 3310 | Public Opinion, Voting, and Elections | |

CONCENTRATION IN CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Required Courses | | |
| POLS 3160 | Campaign Strategy | 4 |
| POLS 3302 | Judicial Process and Behavior | 4 |
| Campaigns and Elections Electives | | |
| Complete two of the following: | | 8 |
| POLS 2345 | Urban Policies and Politics | |
| POLS 3310 | Public Opinion, Voting, and Elections | |
| POLS 3320 | Politics and Mass Media | |

CONCENTRATION IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Theoretical Requirement | | |
| Complete two of the following: | | 8 |
| POLS 2282 | The Holocaust and Comparative Genocide | |
| POLS 2356 | Democratic Erosion | |
| POLS 2359 | Immigration Politics | |

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| POLS 2370 | Religion and Politics |
| POLS 3418 | Nationalism |
| POLS 3430 | Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection |
| POLS 3487 | Politics of Developing Nations |

Regional Requirements

Complete one of the following: 4

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| POLS 3435 | Politics and Governance of Europe and the European Union |
| POLS 3465 | Government and Politics in the Middle East |

Experiential/Practicum Requirement

Complete one of the following: 4

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| POLS 4915 | Model Arab League |
| POLS 4918 | Model NATO |
| POLS 4937 | Dialogue of Civilizations: Government and Politics Abroad |

CONCENTRATION IN IDENTITY, CULTURE, AND POLITICS

| Code | Title | Hours |
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Core Course

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| POLS 3418 | Nationalism | 4 |
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Electives

Complete three of the following: 12

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| POLS 2359 | Immigration Politics |
| POLS 2368 | Music and Politics in America and Abroad |
| POLS 2370 | Religion and Politics |
| POLS 3309 | Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues in Public Policy |
| POLS 3324 | Law and Society |

CONCENTRATION IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY

| Code | Title | Hours |
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Experiential/Practicum Requirement

Complete one of the following: 4

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| POLS 4910 | Model United Nations |
| POLS 4915 | Model Arab League |
| POLS 4938 | Dialogue of Civilizations: International Politics Abroad |

Core Courses

Complete three of the following: 12

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| POLS 3405 | International Political Economy |
| POLS 3406 | International Law |
| POLS 3435 | Politics and Governance of Europe and the European Union |
| POLS 5408 | International Security |

CONCENTRATION IN LAW AND LEGAL STUDIES

| Code | Title | Hours |
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Complete four of the following: 16

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| POLS 2330 | American Political Thought |
| POLS 3300 | The U.S. Congress |
| POLS 3302 | Judicial Process and Behavior |
| POLS 3324 | Law and Society |
| POLS 3406 | International Law |
| POLS 4500 | U.S. Constitutional Law |
| POLS 4505 | U.S. Civil Liberties |

CONCENTRATION IN PUBLIC POLICY

| Code | Title | Hours |
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Core Requirement

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| POLS 3307 | Public Policy and Administration | 4 |
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Electives

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| Complete three of the following: | | 12 |
| POLS 2345 | Urban Policies and Politics | |
| POLS 2390 | Science, Technology, and Public Policy | |
| POLS 2395 | Environmental Politics and Policy | |
| POLS 3425 | U.S. Foreign Policy | |

CONCENTRATION IN SECURITY STUDIES

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Complete four of the following: | | 16 |
| POLS 3420 | U.S. National Security Policy | |
| POLS 3423 | Terrorism and Counterterrorism | |
| POLS 3425 | U.S. Foreign Policy | |
| POLS 3430 | Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection | |
| POLS 3487 | Politics of Developing Nations | |
| POLS 5408 | International Security | |

Plan of Study**Sample Plan of Study: Four Years, Two Co-ops in Summer Second Half/Fall****Year 1**

| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours | Summer 1 | Hours | Summer 2 | Hours |
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| CLTR 1000 or POLS 1000 | | 1 POLS 1155 | | 4 Elective | | 4 Elective | 4 |
| ENGW 1111 | | 4 POLS 1160 | | 4 Language requirement course 2 | | 4 Elective | 4 |
| POLS 1150 | | 4 POLS supporting course | | 4 | | | |
| AFCS 1101 | | 4 Language requirement course 1 | | 4 | | | |
| AFCS 1270 | | 4 | | | | | |
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Year 2

| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours | Summer 1 | Hours | Summer 2 | Hours |
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| POLS 2400 | | 4 POLS political thought course | | 4 POLS 2399 | | 4 Co-op | 0 |
| Language requirement course 3 | | 4 AFCS 3900 | | 4 Elective | | 4 | |
| AFCS 2325 | | 4 AFCS 1261 | | 4 | | | |
| AFCS 2296 | | 4 POLS elective | | 4 | | | |
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Year 3

| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours | Summer 1 | Hours | Summer 2 | Hours |
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| Co-op | | 0 PSYC 1101 (ND NUpath) | | 4 Advanced Writing in the Disciplines | | 4 Co-op | 0 |
| | | Integrative course | | 4 Elective | | 4 | |
| | | AFCS 4526 | | 4 | | | |
| | | POLS elective | | 4 | | | |
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Year 4

| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours |
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| Co-op | | 0 Capstone | 4 |
| | | Integrative course | 4 |
| | | POLS elective | 4 |

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| POLS elective | 4 |
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Total Hours: 129