

English and Philosophy, BA (Boston)

The Department of English and the Department of Philosophy and Religion offer an interdisciplinary combined major in English and philosophy. Students in the combined major in English and philosophy integrate the study of literature and writing with the study of ethical and philosophical issues and problems.

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/>).

English Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Foundational Courses		
ENGL 1400	Introduction to Literary Studies	4
ENGL 1160	Introduction to Rhetoric	4
or ENGL 1410	Introduction to Research on Writing	
ENGL 1700	Global Literatures 1	4
or ENGL 1701	Global Literatures 2	

English Electives

Two of the courses chosen from the lists below must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.

Code	Title	Hours
Diversity		
Complete one course from the following. You may reuse this course to fulfill an additional English requirement below:		4
ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature	
ENGL 2450	Postcolonial Literature	
ENGL 2455	American Women Writers	
ENGL 2470	Asian-American Literature	
ENGL 2760	Writing in Global Contexts	
ENGL 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity	

Literary Periods

<i>Pre-1850</i>		
Complete one course from the following:		4
ENGL 1502	American Literature to 1865	
ENGL 1600	Introduction to Shakespeare	
ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature	
ENGL 2330	The American Renaissance	
ENGL 3101	Early Literatures	
ENGL 3120	17th- and 18th-Century Literatures	
ENGL 3160	Topics in 17th- and 18th-Century British Literatures	

ENGL 3619	Emerson and Thoreau	
ENGL 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity	
or JWSS 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity	
ENGL 4010	Topics in Shakespeare	
Post-1850		
Complete one of the following courses:		4
ENGL 2301	The Graphic Novel	
ENGL 2420	Contemporary Poetry	
ENGL 2430	Contemporary Fiction	
ENGL 2440	The Modern Bestseller	
ENGL 2450	Postcolonial Literature	
ENGL 2451	Postcolonial Women Writers	
ENGL 2455	American Women Writers	
ENGL 2470	Asian-American Literature	
ENGL 2600	Irish Literary Culture (Abroad)	
ENGL 3161	20th- and 21st-Century Literatures	
Theories and Methods		
Complete one of the following:		4
ENGL 1140	Grammar: The Architecture of English	
ENGL 1160	Introduction to Rhetoric	
ENGL 1410	Introduction to Research on Writing	
ENGL 1450	Reading and Writing in the Digital Age	
ENGL 2520	Science Fiction	
ENGL 2620	What Is Nature?	
ENGL 3070	Literary Genres	
ENGL 3325	Rhetoric of Law	
ENGL 3381	The Practice and Theory of Teaching Writing	
ENGL 3400	Opening the Archive	
ENGL 3487	Film and Text (Abroad)	
ENGL 3700	Narrative Medicine	
LING 1150	Introduction to Linguistics	
LING 2350	Linguistic Analysis	
LING 3450	Syntax	
LING 3452	Semantics	
LING 3454	History of English	
LING 3456	Language and Gender	
Major Seminar		
ENGL 3710	Major Seminar	4
Writing		
Complete one of the following:		4
ENGL 2700	Creative Writing	
ENGL 2710	Style and Editing	
ENGL 2730	Digital Writing	
ENGL 2760	Writing in Global Contexts	
ENGL 2770	Writing to Heal	
ENGL 2850	Writing for Social Media: Theory and Practice	
ENGL 3375	Writing Boston	
ENGL 3376	Creative Nonfiction	
ENGL 3377	Poetry Workshop	
ENGL 3378	Fiction Workshop	
ENGL 3380	Writing Seminar	

English Electives

Complete any two ENGL courses that have not already been used to fulfill another requirement.	8
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Capstone

Code	Title	Hours
English Capstone Requirement		
ENGL 4710	Capstone Seminar	4

Philosophy Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Philosophy Required Courses		
PHIL 1115	Introduction to Logic	4
PHIL 2325	Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought	4
or POLS 2325	Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought	
PHIL 2330	Modern Philosophy	4

Advanced Electives

Complete two PHIL courses with a designation of 3000 or above not used to satisfy another requirement, with at least one at 4000 or 5000 level.	8
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Critical Philosophy Elective

Take one of the following courses not used to fulfill another requirements:		4
AFCS 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies	
PHIL 1104	Goddesses, Witches, Saints, and Sinners: Women and Religion	
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	
PHIL 2155	Human Rights	
PHIL 2492	Indigenous Philosophy	
PHIL 2619	Race and Religion in Film	
PHIL 3500	Sexuality, Gender, and the Law	
PHIL 3822	Philosophy of Race and Racism	

Philosophy Electives

Complete two additional PHIL electives, not used to satisfy another requirement.	8
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Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 3619	Emerson and Thoreau	4
PHIL 3435	Moral Philosophy	4

English and Philosophy Combined Major Credit Requirement

Complete 88 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

Plan of Study**Four Years, Two Co-ops in Spring/Summer 1**

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
PHIL 1115	4	PHIL 2325	4	Elective	4	Vacation	
ENGL 1000	1	ENGL 1160	4	Elective	4		
ENGL 1400	4	Elective	4				
Elective	4	ENGL Diversity Course	4				
Elective	4						
17		16		8		0	

Year 2

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGL Pre-1850 Course		4 Co-op		Co-op		Elective	4
Elective		4				Elective	4
PHIL 2330		4				Elective	4
ENGL Post-1850 Course		4					
	16		0		0		12

Year 3

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
PHIL Advanced Elective		4 Co-op		Co-op		Critical Philosophy Elective	4
Elective		4				Elective	4
ENGL Theories and Methods Course		4				Elective	4
ENGL 3710		4					
	16		0		0		12

Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENGL Writing Course	4	Integrative Course	4
ENGL Capstone	4	Elective	4
PHIL Advanced Elective	4	Elective	4
Elective	4	Elective	4
	16		16

Total Hours: 129