

History, Culture, and Law, BA (Boston)

History, culture, and law is an interdisciplinary major administered by the Department of History that offers students an opportunity to understand how legal systems are shaped by cultural norms and historical developments, as well as how social change has been and can be created through legal processes. After studying principles of historical method and jurisprudence, students bring to bear the interdisciplinary frameworks they have begun to develop in one of seven culturally focused concentrations: Africana studies and culture; Asian studies and culture; culture and colonialism; digital humanities; film and international cultures; gender and sexuality; and Latinx, Latin American, and Caribbean studies.

HCL at Northeastern University emphasizes the study of local, regional, national, and transnational histories and cultures, as well as the comparative study of law and legal history. The program requires students to develop research skills through seminars in research methodology. The broad-based education provided by the HCL major grounds students in knowledge of the historical exchange between peoples, cultures, and societies that is key to understanding contemporary issues such as international law, the future of democracy, the nature of citizenship and rights, the origins and conduct of war, the foundations of racial and ethnic conflict and tolerance, and poverty and prosperity. At the same time, the HCL major teaches crucial skills in analytical thinking, research processes, writing, oral expression, and multimedia presentation.

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/general-education-requirements/#additionalrequirementsforbaprogramtext>). 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/general-education-requirements/#nupathtext>).

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified.

Note: No more than two courses taken for this major may be counted toward another major or minor.

Law and History Core

Code	Title	Hours
Foundational Core Courses		
ENGL 1160 or ENGL 3325	Introduction to Rhetoric Rhetoric of Law	4
HIST 1100	Law and History	4
LPSC 1101 or LPSC 2301	Introduction to Law Introduction to Law, Policy, and Society	4
Foundational Core Elective		
Complete two of the following not used to fulfill the previous requirement (note that POLS prerequisites are waived for the 3000- and 4000-level POLS classes for students in this major):		8
LPSC 2301	Introduction to Law, Policy, and Society	
LPSC 3303	Topics in Law and Public Policy	
LPSC 3307	Understanding the Modern Supreme Court	
PHIL 2301	Philosophical Problems of Law and Justice	
POLS 3302	Judicial Process and Behavior	
POLS 3406	International Law	
POLS 4500	U.S. Constitutional Law	
POLS 4505	U.S. Civil Liberties	

Research Methods

HIST 1200 and HIST 1201	Historical Research and Writing and First-Year Seminar	5
HIST 2301 and HIST 2302	The History Seminar and Historical Writing	5
HIST 4701	Capstone Seminar	4

Culture Concentrations

Select one four-course concentration from the following:

- Africana Studies and Culture (p. 3)
- Asian Studies and Culture (p. 3)
- Culture and Colonialism (p. 3)
- Digital Humanities (p. 4)
- Film and International Cultures (p. 4)
- Gender and Sexuality (p. 4)
- Latinx, Latin American, and Caribbean Studies (p. 5)

Major Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete three of the following (including courses cross-listed) not already used to fulfill one of the requirements above. Courses not used above to fulfill a requirement may also be used to fulfill this elective requirement (at least one course must be at the 3000-4000 level):		12

AFCS 3120	Race, Crime, and Justice
ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture
CLTR 3418	Nationalism
CRIM 2350	Policing a Democratic Society
CRIM 3110	Gender, Crime, and Justice
ENGL 3325	Rhetoric of Law
ENGL 3375	Writing Boston
HIST 1185	Introduction to Middle Eastern History
HIST 1187	Introduction to Latin American History
HIST 1206	Drug Trade and Drug War: History, Security, Culture
HIST 1215	Origins of Today: Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues
HIST 1357	Data, Surveillance, and Society
HIST 2000	Native American Resistance: Past and Present
HIST 2011	Capitalism and Business: A Global History
HIST 2101	Law and Religion in Israel
HIST 2217	The Global Far-Right since 1945: Politics, Culture, Violence
HIST 2280	Hitler, Germany, and the Holocaust
HIST 2282	The Holocaust and Comparative Genocide
HIST 2303	Gender and Reproductive Justice
HIST 2308	Law, Justice, and Society in Modern China
HIST 2311	Colonialism/Imperialism
HIST 3334	Assassinations in World History
LPSC 3303	Topics in Law and Public Policy
PHIL 1102	Introduction to Contemporary Moral Issues
PHIL 1112	Debating Ethical Controversies
PHIL 2303	Social and Political Philosophy
PHIL 2325	Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought
PHIL 2330	Modern Philosophy
PHIL 3100	The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life
SOCL 4522	Environmental Justice

Major GPA Requirement

Minimum 3.000 GPA required in all major courses

Major Credit Requirement

Complete 62 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 Requirements

128 total semester hours required

AFRICANA STUDIES AND CULTURE CONCENTRATION

Code	Title	Hours
AFCS 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies	4
Complete three of the following:		12
AFCS 1113-AFCS 5001		
ANTH 4510	Contemporary Issues in Global Africa	
HIST 2318	New England Stories: Storytelling and the African American Experience	
HIST 2337	African American History Before 1900	
HIST 2390	Africa and the World in Early Times	
SOCL 4520	Race, Class, and Gender	

ASIAN STUDIES AND CULTURE CONCENTRATION

Code	Title	Hours
ASNS 1150	East Asian Studies	4
or HIST 1150	East Asian Studies	
Complete three of the following:		12
ANTH 4350	Ethnography of Southeast Asia	
ANTH 4515	Culture and Politics in Modern India	
CLTR 1500	Modern Chinese History and Culture	
or HIST 1500	Modern China	
HIST 1246	World War II in the Pacific	
HIST 1252	Japanese Literature and Culture	
HIST 1253	History of Vietnam Wars	
HIST 2011	Capitalism and Business: A Global History	
HIST 2308	Law, Justice, and Society in Modern China	
HIST 2351	Modern Japan	
HIST 2360	History of Capitalism in East Asia	
JPNS 1260	Japanese Film	
JPNS 1700	Introduction to Japanese Pop Culture	
KORE 1800	Introduction to Korean Pop Culture	
PHIL 1130	Comparative Ethics	
PHIL 1275	Hinduism, Buddhism, and Beyond	
PHIL 1290	Chinese Philosophy and Religion	
PHIL 2395	Japanese Buddhism	

CULTURE AND COLONIALISM CONCENTRATION

Code	Title	Hours
Complete four of the following:		16
AFCS 3664	Black Poetry and the Spoken Word	
ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature	
ENGL 2450	Postcolonial Literature	
ENGL 2470	Asian-American Literature	
FRNH 1501	Introduction to French Culture	
HIST 1170	Europe: Empires, Revolutions, Wars, and Their Aftermath	
HIST 1218	Pirates, Planters, and Patriots: Making the Americas, 1492–1804	

HIST 1246	World War II in the Pacific
HIST 1272	Europe in the Middle Ages, 500–1500
HIST 1286	History of the Soviet Union
HIST 1290	Modern Middle East
HIST 1389	History of Espionage 1: Antiquity to World War II
HIST 1390	History of Espionage 2: Cold War Spies
HIST 2011	Capitalism and Business: A Global History
HIST 2311	Colonialism/Imperialism
HIST 3470	Jews, Christians, and Muslims in Spain and Morocco: History and Memory
PHIL 2325	Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought
PHIL 3343	Existentialism
PHIL 3435	Moral Philosophy
POLS 2325	Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought
SPNS 1504	Cultural History of Spain
SPNS 1505	Latin American Culture, History, and Politics
SPNS 3240	Social Justice in Latin American Film
SPNS 3715	New Narratives: Latin America after 1989

DIGITAL HUMANITIES CONCENTRATION

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 1450	Reading and Writing in the Digital Age	4
or ENGL 3340	Technologies of Text	
Complete three of the following:		12
COMM 1255	Communication in a Digital Age	
COMM 2105	Social Networks	
ENGL 3340	Technologies of Text	
HIST 1120	Public History, Public Memory	
HIST 1357	Data, Surveillance, and Society	
HIST 2430	Digital Histories of Ethnic Boston	
INSH 2102	Bostonography: The City through Data, Texts, Maps, and Networks	
PHIL 1145	Technology and Human Values	
PHIL 2001	Ethics and Evolutionary Games	
SOCL 4528	Technology and Society (Note that this course has prerequisites.)	

FILM AND INTERNATIONAL CULTURES CONCENTRATION

Code	Title	Hours
CLTR 1120	Introduction to Languages, Literature, and Culture	4
Complete three of the following:		12
CLTR 2001	World Cultures through Film	
ENGL 3487	Film and Text	
FRNH 1280	French Film and Culture	
HIST 2025	Latin American History through Film	
ITLN 1290	Realism and Modernism in Italian Film	
JPNS 1260	Japanese Film	
PHIL 1260	Apocalypticism in Film	
PHIL 1666	The Problem of Evil in Film	
PHIL 1667	Science Fiction and Film: Moral Dilemmas and Ethical Analysis	
SPNS 1240	Latin American Film	
SPNS 3240	Social Justice in Latin American Film	
WMNS 3392	Gender and Film	

GENDER AND SEXUALITY CONCENTRATION

Code	Title	Hours
Complete four WMNS subject code courses (including cross-listed courses) not used to fulfill any other requirement for the major.		16

LATINX, LATIN AMERICAN, AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES CONCENTRATION

Code	Title	Hours
LACS 1220	Latino, Latin American, and Caribbean Studies	4
Complete three of the following:		12
HIST 1187	Introduction to Latin American History	
HIST 1206	Drug Trade and Drug War: History, Security, Culture	
HIST 1218	Pirates, Planters, and Patriots: Making the Americas, 1492–1804	
HIST 1261	Global Caribbean	
HIST 2025	Latin American History through Film	
SPNS 1505	Latin American Culture, History, and Politics	
SPNS 3240	Social Justice in Latin American Film	
SPNS 3715	New Narratives: Latin America after 1989	