

History and English, BA (Boston)

The Department of History and the Department of English offer an interdisciplinary combined major in history and English. Students interested in the combined major integrate the study of literature and writing with the study and analysis of human history.

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/>).

History Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
History Colloquium		
HIST 1000	History at Northeastern	1
HIST 1200	Historical Research and Writing	1
HIST 1201	First-Year Seminar	4
Introductory Level		
Complete one course from the 1000 level.		4
History Seminar and Historical Writing		
HIST 2301	The History Seminar	4
HIST 2302	Historical Writing	1
Pre-1800 History Elective		
Complete one of the following:		4
HIST 1185	Introduction to Middle Eastern History	
HIST 1187	Introduction to Latin American History	
HIST 1218	Pirates, Planters, and Patriots: Making the Americas, 1492–1804	
HIST 1252	Japanese Literature and Culture	
HIST 1272	Europe in the Middle Ages, 500–1500	
HIST 2370	Renaissance to Enlightenment	
HIST 2330	Colonial and Revolutionary America	
HIST 2375	The Tudors, the Stuarts, and the Birth of Modern Britain	
Intermediate/Advanced History Courses		
Complete four history courses numbered 2000 or above that have not been used to fulfill another requirement.		16
Advanced History		
Complete one history course at the 3000 level or above that has not been used to fulfill another requirement.		4

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	
<i>Post-1850</i>		
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
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Writing

Complete one of the following:	4
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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
Complete one of the following:		4
ENGL 4710	Capstone Seminar	
HIST 4701	Capstone Seminar	

Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Required Integrative Course		
ENGL 3400	Opening the Archive	4

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>).

The History Seminar (HIST 2301) fulfills the college's experiential learning requirement.

Program Requirements

128 total semester hours required

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
HIST 1000		1 HIST pre-1800 elective		4 Vacation		Vacation	
HIST 1200		1 HIST 1000-level elective		4			
HIST 1201		4 ENGL 1160 or 1410		4			
ENGW 1111		4 Elective		4			

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ENGL 1400	4						
Elective	4						
	18		16		0		0
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
HIST 2301	4	EESH 2000	1	ENGL Elective	4	Co-op	0
HIST 2302	1	HIST intermediate/ advanced elective	4	ENGL Elective	4		
ENGL 1700 or 1701	4	HIST intermediate/ advanced elective	4				
Pre-1850 ENGL	4	ENGL 3400	4				
ENGL theory and methods	4	Post-1850 ENGL	4				
	17		17		8		0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op	0	HIST intermediate/ advanced elective	4	Elective	4	Co-op	0
AWD (online)	4	Elective	4	Elective	4		
		ENGL writing	4				
		ENGL 3710	4				
	4		16		8		0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours		
Co-op	0	HIST intermediate/ advanced elective	4	Elective	4		
		ENGL diversity	4	Elective	4		
		Capstone	4				
		HIST advanced elective	4				
	0		16		8		
Total Hours: 128							