

# History and Religious Studies, BA (Boston)

The Department of History and the Department of Philosophy and Religion offer an interdisciplinary combined major in history and religious studies. Students interested in the combined major integrate the study and analysis of human history with the study of religious traditions, religious praxis, and religious ethics.

## 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
<b>History Colloquium</b>		
HIST 1000	History at Northeastern	1
HIST 1200	Historical Research and Writing	1
HIST 1201	First-Year Seminar	4
<b>History Seminar and Historical Writing</b>		
HIST 2301	The History Seminar	4
HIST 2302	Historical Writing	1
<b>Pre-1800 History Elective</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4
HIST 1100	Law and History	
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 1389	History of Espionage 1: Antiquity to World War II	
HIST 2330	Colonial and Revolutionary America	
HIST 2370	Renaissance to Enlightenment	
HIST 2375	The Tudors, the Stuarts, and the Birth of Modern Britain	
HIST 2390	Africa and the World in Early Times	
HIST 3334	Assassinations in World History	
<b>Introductory Level Elective</b>		
Complete one course from the 1000 level (excluding HIST 1200 and HIST 1201).		4
<b>History Electives</b>		
Complete five further history courses not used to fulfill a previous requirement, of which at least one must be numbered 2000-2999 (excluding HIST 2301 and HIST 2302) and at least one must be numbered 3000-4999 (excluding HIST 4701).		20

## Religious Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Foundational Course</b>		
PHIL 1110	Introduction to Religious Studies	4
<b>Lived Religion Elective</b>		
Complete one of the following courses that has not been used to satisfy another requirement:		4
PHIL 1133	Selling Spirituality	
PHIL 1220	The Meaning of Death	
PHIL 1260	Apocalypticism in Film	
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	
PHIL 1280	Islam: Rituals, Traditions, and Debates	
PHIL 1667	Science Fiction and Film: Moral Dilemmas and Ethical Analysis	
PHIL 2230	Music and Religion	
PHIL 2390	Cults and Sects	
PHIL 2410	Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions	
PHIL 2619	Race and Religion in Film	
PHIL 3100	The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life	
PHIL 3512	Religion, Race, and Politics	
<b>Comparative Religion Elective</b>		
Complete one of the following courses that has not been used to satisfy another requirement:		4
PHIL 1111	Introduction to World Religions	
PHIL 1130	Comparative Ethics	
PHIL 1220	The Meaning of Death	
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	
PHIL 1275	Hinduism, Buddhism, and Beyond	
PHIL 1290	Chinese Philosophy and Religion	
PHIL 1667	Science Fiction and Film: Moral Dilemmas and Ethical Analysis	
PHIL 2395	Japanese Buddhism	
PHIL 3100	The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life	
<b>Electives</b>		
Complete six of the following courses, one of which must be at the 2000 level or above and another one of which must be at the 3000 level or above, that have not been used to satisfy another requirement:		20
PHIL 1104	Goddesses, Witches, Saints, and Sinners: Women and Religion	
PHIL 1111	Introduction to World Religions	
PHIL 1120	Understanding the Bible	
PHIL 1130	Comparative Ethics	
PHIL 1133	Selling Spirituality	
PHIL 1220	The Meaning of Death	
PHIL 1260	Apocalypticism in Film	
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	
PHIL 1275	Hinduism, Buddhism, and Beyond	
PHIL 1280	Islam: Rituals, Traditions, and Debates	
PHIL 1285	Jewish Religion and Culture	
PHIL 1290	Chinese Philosophy and Religion	
PHIL 1666	The Problem of Evil in Film	
PHIL 1667	Science Fiction and Film: Moral Dilemmas and Ethical Analysis	
PHIL 2230	Music and Religion	
PHIL 2301	Philosophical Problems of Law and Justice	
PHIL 2395	Japanese Buddhism	
PHIL 2619	Race and Religion in Film	
PHIL 3100	The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life	
PHIL 3512	Religion, Race, and Politics	
PHIL 4903	Seminar in Religion	

## Integrative Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Capstone</b>		
Complete one of the following courses that has not been used to satisfy another requirement:		4
HIST 4701	Capstone Seminar	
PHIL 4903	Seminar in Religion	
<b>Integrative Course</b>		
Complete one of the following courses that has not been used to satisfy another requirement:		4
HIST 1185	Introduction to Middle Eastern History	
HIST 1290	Modern Middle East	
HIST 2370	Renaissance to Enlightenment	
PHIL 2395	Japanese Buddhism	

## History and Religious Studies Combined-Major Credit Requirement

Complete 78 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

### Sample Plan of Study

#### FOUR YEARS, TWO CO-OPS IN SUMMER SECOND HALF/FALL

<b>Year 1</b>							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGW 1111		4 HIST 1000		1 HIST elective		4 Vacation	
HIST 1200		1 Intro-level HIST course		4 Elective		4	
HIST 1201		4 Lived religion elective		4			
PHIL 1110		4 Pre-1800 HIST elective		4			
Elective		4 Elective		4			
		17		17		8	0
<b>Year 2</b>							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
HIST 2301		4 HIST intermediate/ advanced elective		4 Elective		4 Co-op	0
HIST 2302		1 HIST intermediate/ advanced elective		4 Elective		4	
ANTH area course		4 Elective		4			
Comparative religion elective		4 Elective		4			
Elective		4					
		17		16		8	0
<b>Year 3</b>							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		0 HIST advanced elective		4 Elective		4 Co-op	0
		HIST intermediate/ advanced elective		4 Elective		4	
		PHIL 2000-level elective		4			
		Integrative course		4			
		0		16		8	0

Year 4					
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours
Co-op		0 HIST elective		4 Elective	4
		PHIL 3000-level elective		4 Elective	4
		Capstone		4	
		Elective		4	
	0		16		8

Total Hours: 131