Human Services, BA (Boston)

The human services major prepares students for careers in social change by providing the theoretical and skill-based background necessary for practice and research. Upon completion of the degree, students apply professional skills in counseling roles, nonprofit management, political advocacy, or organizational and community development. Students have an opportunity to develop a holistic understanding of preventative and reactive responses to social inequality and an understanding of how to impact change at individual and structural levels. Students engage in an integrated educational program that emphasizes experiential approaches to learning through service-learning, co-op, and internship opportunities. All students declare a specialization within the major that reflects their particular focus in the field.

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/).

Human Services Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Human Services Overview		
HUSV 1101	Social Change and Human Services	4
HUSV 2300	Counseling in Human Services	4
HUSV 2970	Research Methods for Human Services	4
or INSH 3101	Research Methods in the Social Sciences	
HUSV 3570	The Nonprofit Sector, Philanthropy, and Social Change	4
HUSV 3900	Social Policy	4
HUSV 4700	Senior Seminar in Human Services	4
Human Services and Diverse Populations		
Complete one of the following:		4
HUSV 2355	Race, Identity, Social Change, and Empowerment	
HUSV 2800	Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression	
HUSV 2960	Intercultural Studies through Human Services	
Human Services Electives		
Complete five HUSV courses.		20

Human Services Major Credit Requirement

Complete 48 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

Year 1

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
HUSV 1000	1	HUSV 2300	4	Elective	4	Elective	4
HUSV 1101	4	HUSV elective	4	Elective	4	Elective	4
ENGW 1111	4	Elective	4				
HUSV elective	4	MATH 1215	4				
Elective	4						
	17		**16**		**8**		**8**

Year 2

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
HUSV elective	4	Foreign language core course	4	Elective	4	Co-op	0
HUSV elective	4	HUSV 3570	4	Elective	4		
Elective	4	Human services and diverse populations course	4				
Foreign language core course	4	Elective	4				
		EESH 2000	1				
	16		**17**		**8**		**0**

Year 3

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op	0	ENGW 3315	4	Elective	4	Co-op	0
		HUSV 2970	4	Elective	4		
		Foreign language core course	4				
		Elective	4				
	0		**16**		**8**		**0**

Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Co-op	0	HUSV 3900	4
		HUSV Elective	4
		Elective	4
		HUSV 4700	4
	0		**16**

Total Hours: 130