

Human Services and International Affairs, BA (Boston)

The human services and international affairs combined major offers students an understanding of geopolitical realities paired with the practical skills and theory necessary to work in social services and nongovernmental organizations impacted by global issues. Students have an opportunity to prepare for practice in international NGOs through co-ops and Dialogue of Civilizations programs. This combined major is designed to prepare students for positions within the nonprofit sector with an international focus.

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 Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
HUSV 1101	Social Change and Human Services	4
HUSV 2300	Counseling in Human Services	4
HUSV 2970	Research Methods for Human Services	4
or INTL 2718	Research Methods in International Affairs	
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 4994	Human Services Internship	6
Human Services Electives		
Complete three HUSV courses.		12

International Affairs Requirements

Courses used to fulfill major requirements may not be used to satisfy the global dynamics requirement. See department for additional courses.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ECON 1115	Principles of Macroeconomics	4
or ECON 1116	Principles of Microeconomics	
or HIST 2211	The World Since 1945	
or HIST 2311	Colonialism/Imperialism	
INTL 1101	Globalization and International Affairs	4
INTL 3400	International Conflict and Negotiation	4
POLS 1160	International Relations	4

International Experiential Learning

Complete at least one international semester via study abroad, international internship, international co-op, or two short-term programs.

International Affairs Elective

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		4

Code	Title	Hours
INTL 2480	Women and World Politics	
INTL 2500	Race and Global Human Mobility	
INTL 2600	Artificial Intelligence and World Politics	
INTL 3150	Global Philanthropy	
INTL 3200	Cities in a Global Context	
INTL 3350	Borders and Racial Security	
INTL 3406	International Law	
INTL 3430	Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection	
INTL 3450	Security, Culture, Power	
INTL 3520	Global Political Economy	
INTL 4100	Forced Migration: Refugees, Exiles, and Displaced Persons	
INTL 5010	International Human Rights Law and Policy	
INTL 5100	Climate and Development	

Global Dynamics

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following (courses are divided into thematic groups to aid students in deciding which courses to take and have no bearing on major requirements):		4

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Environment</i>		
ENVR 1110	Global Climate Change	
ENVR 2515	Sustainable Development	
ENVR 3150	Food Security and Sustainability	
INTL 5100	Climate and Development	
INTL 5268	International Environmental Policy	
or PPUA 5268	International Environmental Policy	
PPUA 5267	Climate Policy and Justice	
SOCL 1246	Environment and Society	
<i>Law, Diplomacy, and Global Governance</i>		
ANTH 3442	Anthropology of Law	
COMM 2303	Global and Intercultural Communication	
HIST 1100	Law and History	
INTL 2480	Women and World Politics	
or WMNS 2480	Women and World Politics	
INTL 2600	Artificial Intelligence and World Politics	
INTL 3520	Global Political Economy	
INTL 5010	International Human Rights Law and Policy	
POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	
POLS 1160	International Relations	
POLS 2370	Religion and Politics	
POLS 3405	International Political Economy	
POLS 3406	International Law	
POLS 4910	Model United Nations	
<i>Human Rights and Social Justice</i>		
AFCS 3900	Gender and Black World Literatures	
AFCS 4526	Afro-Asian Relations in the Americas	
ANTH 3100	Gender, Social Justice, and Transnational Activism	
or POLS 3100	Gender, Social Justice, and Transnational Activism	
HIST 2303	Gender and Reproductive Justice	

HIST 2373	Gender and Sexuality in World History
INTL 2480	Women and World Politics
or WMNS 2480	Women and World Politics
INTL 5010	International Human Rights Law and Policy
PHIL 5001	Global Justice
<i>Conflict and Security</i>	
CRIM 3030	Global Criminology
CRIM 3060	Political Crime and Terrorism
CRIM 5203	Security in the 21st Century
HIST 1206	Drug Trade and Drug War: History, Security, Culture
HIST 1389	History of Espionage 1: Antiquity to World War II
HIST 1390	History of Espionage 2: Cold War Spies
HIST 2217	The Global Far-Right since 1945: Politics, Culture, Violence
HIST 3330	The Global Cold War
HIST 3334	Assassinations in World History
INTL 3430	Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection
INTL 3450	Security, Culture, Power
JRNL 3300	Covering Conflicts: Peace, War, and the Media
or INTL 3300	Covering Conflicts: Peace, War, and the Media
PHIL 5001	Global Justice
POLS 2282	The Holocaust and Comparative Genocide
POLS 3418	Nationalism
POLS 3420	U.S. National Security Policy
POLS 3423	Terrorism and Counterterrorism
POLS 3430	Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection
or INTL 3430	Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection
POLS 4918	Model NATO
<i>Globalization</i>	
AFCS 2600	Issues in Race, Science, and Technology
ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture
ANTH 2315	Religion and Modernity
ECON 3290	History of the Global Economy
ECON 3635	International Economics
HIST 1215	Origins of Today: Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues
HIST 2211	The World Since 1945
HIST 2311	Colonialism/Imperialism
INTB 3310	Cultural Aspects of International Business
INTL 2480	Women and World Politics
or WMNS 2480	Women and World Politics
INTL 3200	Cities in a Global Context
INTL 3520	Global Political Economy
POLS 1160	International Relations
POLS 2370	Religion and Politics
POLS 3405	International Political Economy
POLS 3406	International Law
<i>Population, Migration, and Diaspora</i>	
AFCS 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies
AFCS 1270	Introduction to Global Health
or PHTH 1270	Introduction to Global Health
AFCS 3424	Epidemiology of Pandemic Diseases and Health Disparities in the African Diaspora
ANTH 1101	Peoples and Cultures
ANTH 4220	South Asian Diasporas
CRIM 1400	Human Trafficking

HIST 1218	Pirates, Planters, and Patriots: Making the Americas, 1492–1804
INTL 2500	Race and Global Human Mobility
INTL 3200	Cities in a Global Context
INTL 4100	Forced Migration: Refugees, Exiles, and Displaced Persons
PHIL 1111	Introduction to World Religions
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
POLS 2359	Immigration Politics

Development

ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture
ECON 3291	Development Economics
ECON 3404	International Food Policy
ECON 3405	A Critique of Capitalism
ECON 5650	Economic Growth and Applications
ENVR 2515	Sustainable Development
HIST 2011	Capitalism and Business: A Global History
INNO 2206	Global Social Enterprise
INTB 1203	International Business and Global Social Responsibility
or INTB 1209	International Business and Global Social Responsibility
INTL 3150	Global Philanthropy
INTL 3520	Global Political Economy
INTL 5100	Climate and Development
PHTH 5230	Global Health
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations

Communication and Media

COMM 2303	Global and Intercultural Communication
INTB 3310	Cultural Aspects of International Business
JRNL 3300	Covering Conflicts: Peace, War, and the Media
or INTL 3300	Covering Conflicts: Peace, War, and the Media
JRNL 5360	Global Reporting
LANG 3600	Language Policy
MSCR 2325	Global Media

Regional Analysis Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Complete three of the following, two of which must be in one region. Select courses taken during a semester study abroad or specific Dialogue of Civilizations courses may count as regional analysis courses pending approval of the international affairs head faculty advisor. See department for additional courses.		12

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Code	Title	Hours
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Africa

AFCS 2410	Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions
AFCS 2900	Swahili, Culture, and Politics in Kenya
AFCS 4939	Community Health, Culture, and Development in Kenya
ANTH 4510	Contemporary Issues in Global Africa
HIST 2390	Africa and the World in Early Times
or AFCS 2390	Africa and the World in Early Times
INNO 3308	Business Economic History of South Africa
MUSC 1128	Music of Africa

Asia

ANTH 4350	Ethnography of Southeast Asia
ANTH 4410	Neoliberalism in Asia
ANTH 4515	Culture and Politics in Modern India
ASNS 1150	East Asian Studies

or HIST 1150	East Asian Studies
HIST 1246	World War II in the Pacific
HIST 1252	Japanese Literature and Culture
HIST 1253	History of Vietnam Wars
HIST 1500	Modern China
HIST 2351	Modern Japan
JPNS 1260	Japanese Film
JPNS 1700	Introduction to Japanese Pop Culture
PHIL 1275	Hinduism, Buddhism, and Beyond
PHIL 1290	Chinese Philosophy and Religion
PHIL 2395	Japanese Buddhism
POLS 3485	China: Governance and Foreign Policy
<i>Europe</i>	
ANTH 4210	Anthropology of Eastern Europe
FRNH 1501	Introduction to French Culture
HIST 1170	Europe: Empires, Revolutions, Wars, and Their Aftermath
HIST 1272	Europe in the Middle Ages, 500–1500
HIST 1286	History of the Soviet Union
HIST 2370	Renaissance to Enlightenment
HIST 2375	The Tudors, the Stuarts, and the Birth of Modern Britain
HIST 2388	World War II in Eastern Europe
INTL 3455	Russian Foreign Policy
or POLS 3455	Russian Foreign Policy
POLS 3435	Politics and Governance of Europe and the European Union
SPNS 1504	Cultural History of Spain
<i>Latin America</i>	
AFCS 2330	Afro-Latin American Studies
ANTH 4500	Latin American Society and Development
HIST 1187	Introduction to Latin American History
HIST 2025	Latin American History through Film
LACS 1220	Latino, Latin American, and Caribbean Studies
SPNS 1240	Latin American Film
SPNS 1505	Latin American Culture, History, and Politics
SPNS 3240	Social Justice in Latin American and Latinx Film
SPNS 3715	New Narratives: Latin America after 1989
SPNS 3720	Literature, Arts, and Poverty in Latin America
SPNS 4655	Latin American Literature
<i>Middle East</i>	
ARAB 1502	Introduction to Arab Culture
ECON 1292	Economic History of the Middle East
HIST 1185	Introduction to Middle Eastern History
INTL 1150	The Mediterranean World: An Overview
INTL 1160	Middle East Studies
INTL 2100	Modern Israel
INTL 2200	America and the Middle East
PHIL 1280	Islam: Rituals, Traditions, and Debates
PHIL 1285	Jewish Religion and Culture
POLS 3465	Government and Politics in the Middle East

International Affairs Foreign Language Requirement

Complete coursework in a language through at least intermediate-level two (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>) (course number 2102 or higher). *Note:* Completing this requirement satisfies the language requirement for the BA degree.

Human Services/International Affairs Integrative Courses

Complete Senior Seminar in Human Services (HUSV 4700) or Senior Capstone Seminar in International Affairs (INTL 4700) or both. Note, however, that students wishing to take HUSV 4700 but not INTL 4700 must meet with an INTL advisor to obtain approval for a substitute INTL course. Similarly, students wishing to take INTL 4700 but not HUSV 4700 must meet with an HUSV advisor to obtain approval for a substitute HUSV course. Substitute courses (HUSV or INTL) must be upper-division courses and must relate to the combined major.

Code	Title	Hours
Human Services		
HUSV 4700	Senior Seminar in Human Services	4
International Affairs		
INTL 4700	Senior Capstone Seminar in International Affairs	4

Human Services and International Affairs Combined Major Credit Requirement

Complete 84 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
ENGW 1111		4 ECON 3290		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)	4
HUSV 1101		4 HUSV 2300		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)	4
INTL 1000		1 POLS 1160		4			
INTL 1101		4 Foreign language course		4			
HUSV elective		4					
		17		16		8	8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ECON 1115		4 EESH 2000		1 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4 Co-op	0
Foreign language course		4 HUSV 2970 or INTL 2718		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4	
HUSV elective		4 HUSV 3900		4			
INTL elective		4 INTL 3400		4			
		Elective		4			
		16		17		8	0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		0 ENGW 3315		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4 Co-op	0
		HUSV 4994		6 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4	
		HUSV elective		4			
		Elective		4			
		0		18		8	0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Co-op		0 HUSV 4700		4			

INTL 4700	4
Elective	4
Elective	4
0	16

Total Hours: 132