

International Affairs and Cultural Anthropology, BA (Boston)

This combined major offers undergraduates the opportunity to develop an awareness of contemporary cultures within their international, transnational, and global contexts since the early 20th century. The combined major addresses diverse and cross-disciplinary theories of interstate relations (conflict, cooperation, hierarchies); civil society, transnational advocacy networks, global social movements; and state-society relations (democracy, authoritarianism, social justice and inequalities, citizenship).

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/>).

International Affairs Requirements

Courses used to fulfill major requirements may not be used to satisfy the global dynamics requirement.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ECON 1115 or HIST 2211 or HIST 2311	Principles of Macroeconomics The World Since 1945 Colonialism/Imperialism	4
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 approved short-term programs abroad.

International Affairs Elective

Code	Title	Hours
Please complete one of the following:		
Code		
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 or INTL 3300	Covering Conflicts: Peace, War, and the Media 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 or INTL 3430	Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection 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 or WMNS 2480	Women and World Politics 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 or PTH 1270	Introduction to Global Health 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
<i>Development</i>	
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
<i>Communication and Media</i>	
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 two regional analysis courses, both of which must be in one region, from the following lists. 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:		8

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Africa</i>		
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	
<i>Asia</i>		
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

Latin America

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

Middle East

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 (course number 2102 or higher). *Note:* Completing this requirement satisfies the language requirement for the BA degree.

Cultural Anthropology Requirements

Note: At least nine anthropology courses must be taken to complete the international affairs and cultural anthropology program.

Code	Title	Hours
Cultural Anthropology		
ANTH 1101	Peoples and Cultures	4
ANTH 3421	Foundations of Anthropological Theory	4
Anthropology Area Courses		
Complete two area courses in the range from ANTH 4101-ANTH 4520 not used to satisfy other requirements; one study abroad course may be substituted as an area studies course with prior permission from the department; additional area courses taken may count as anthropology electives.		8
Anthropology Electives		
Complete three Anthropology courses between 2000-4999 (not used to satisfy other requirements; one study-abroad course may count toward these requirements, with prior permission from the department:		12
ANTH 2000 to ANTH 4999		

Integrative Requirements

Note: If international affairs courses are taken in both the research methods and capstone areas, then an additional anthropology elective is required.

Code	Title	Hours
Research Methods		
INTL 2718 or ANTH 3410	Research Methods in International Affairs Ethnographic Field Experience	4
Global Markets		
ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture	4
Capstone		
Complete one of the following courses:		4
ANTH 4100	Making Anthropology Public	
ANTH 4600	Senior Seminar	
INTL 4700	Senior Capstone Seminar in International Affairs	

Students taking Senior Seminar (ANTH 4600) must complete either a one-semester senior project, which they would do in the context of ANTH 4600, or a two-semester senior thesis, which would require them to also enroll in a fall semester directed study.

Cultural Anthropology Major Grade Requirement

A GPA of 2.000 for major courses is required.

International Affairs and Cultural Anthropology Combined Major Credit Requirement

Complete 72 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 Plans of Study

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

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ANTH 1101		4 ANTH 2305		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)	4
ENGW 1111		4 ECON 1115 or HIST 2211		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)	4
INTL 1000 or ANTH 1000		1 POLS 1160		4			
INTL 1101		4 Elective		4			
Foreign language course		4					
		17		16		8	8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
EESH 2000		1 ANTH 3421		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4 Co-op	0
INTL 2718 or ANTH 3410		4 Foreign Language Course		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4	
INTL Elective		4 Elective		4			
Foreign language course		4 Elective		4			
Elective		4					
		17		16		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
		INTL 3400		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4	
		Foreign Language Course		4			
		Elective		4			
		0		16		8	0

Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		0 INTL 4700		4			
		Elective		4			
		Elective		4			
		Elective		4			
		0		16			

Total Hours: 130

FIVE YEARS, THREE CO-OPS IN SPRING/SUMMER FIRST HALF

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ANTH 1101		4 ANTH 2305		4 Vacation		Vacation	
ENGW 1111		4 ECON 1115 or HIST 2211		4			
INTL 1000 or ANTH 1000		1 POLS 1160		4			
INTL 1101		4 Elective		4			
Foreign language core course		4					
		17		16		0	0

Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ANTH 3421		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Vacation	
INTL 2718 or ANTH 3410		4					
Foreign language core course		4					
Elective		4					
		16		0		0	0

Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGW 3315		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Elective	4
INTL 3400		4				Elective	4
Elective		4					
Elective		4					
		16		0		0	8

Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Elective		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Elective	4
Elective		4				Elective	4
Elective		4					
Elective		4					
		16		0		0	8

Year 5							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Elective		4 INTL 4700 or ANTH 4600		4			

Elective	4	Elective	4
Elective	4	Elective	4
Elective	4	Elective	4
16		16	

Total Hours: 129