

International Affairs and Religious Studies, BA (Boston)

Introduces the interaction of religious views with institutions and cultures in national and international 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/religious movements; state-society relations (religion, democracy, authoritarianism, social justice and ethics, citizenship); comparative study of religious theology and praxis; and knowledge of particular religious traditions, including Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism.

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. See department for additional courses.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
INTL 1101	Globalization and International Affairs	4
INTL 3400	International Conflict and Negotiation	4
POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	4
or ECON 1115	Principles of Macroeconomics	
or HIST 2211	The World Since 1945	
or HIST 2311	Colonialism/Imperialism	
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
Complete one of the following courses:		
		4
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 Requirement

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
<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 or INTB 1209	International Business and Global Social Responsibility 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 or INTL 3300	Covering Conflicts: Peace, War, and the Media 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 of the following, both 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:		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 or AFCS 2390	Africa and the World in Early Times 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 or HIST 1150	East Asian Studies 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.

Religious Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Foundational Course		
PHIL 1110	Introduction to Religious Studies	4
Lived Religion Elective		
Complete one of the following courses that is not 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 2410	Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions	
PHIL 2619	Race and Religion in Film	

PHIL 3512	Religion, Race, and Politics	
Comparative Religion Elective		
Complete one of the following courses that is not 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	
Electives		
Complete six of the following courses, one of which must be at the 2000 level or above and two of which must be at the 3000 level or above, that is not used to satisfy another requirement:		24
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 2390	Cults and Sects	
PHIL 2395	Japanese Buddhism	
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	
PHIL 4903	Seminar in Religion	
PHIL 4992	Directed Study	
International Affairs and Religious Studies Integrative Requirement		
Code	Title	Hours
Capstone		
INTL 4700	Senior Capstone Seminar in International Affairs	4
Research Methods		
INTL 2718 or PHIL 4903	Research Methods in International Affairs Seminar in Religion	4

International Affairs and Religious Studies Combined Major Credit Requirement

Complete 76 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****Year 1**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGW 1111		4 POLS 1160		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)	4
INTL 1000		1 Lived religion elective		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)	4
INTL 1101		4 Elective		4			
PHIL 1110		4 Elective		4			
Foreign language course		4					
		17		16		8	8

Year 2

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
POLS 1155		4 EESH 2000		1 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4 Co-op	0
Comparative religion elective		4 Elective		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4	
Elective		4 Elective		4			
Elective		4 Elective		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
		INTL 3400		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4	
		PHIL level-2000 elective		4			
		Elective		4			
		0		16		8	0

Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Co-op		0 INTL 4700	4
		PHIL level-3000 elective	4
		Research Methods course	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
ENGW 1111		4 POLS 1160		4 Vacation		Vacation	
INTL 1000		1 Lived religion elective		4			
INTL 1101		4 Elective		4			
PHIL 1110		4 Elective		4			
Foreign language course		4					
		17		16		0	0

Year 2

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Comparative religion elective		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Elective	4
Foreign language course		4				Elective	4
Elective		4					
Elective		4					
	16			0		0	8

Year 3

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGW 3315		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Elective	4
PHIL level-2000 elective		4				Elective	4
Elective		4					
Elective		4					
		16		0		0	8

Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
INTL 3400		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Vacation	
PHIL level-3000 elective		4					
Elective		4					
Elective		4					
	16		0		0		0

Year 5

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Elective		4 INTL 4700	4
Elective		4 Research method course	4
Elective		4 Elective	4
Elective		4 Elective	4
	16		16

Total Hours: 129