

Political Science and Business Administration, BS (Boston)

The combined major in political science and business administration offers students the opportunity to integrate the study of politics and government with an analysis of business practices and organizations. Students complete core courses in political science along with core courses in business administration that cover accounting, finance, marketing, and organizational behavior. This combined major highlights the important intersection between business practices and the evolution of politics and government.

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/>).

NUPath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUPath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

Political Science Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---|---|-------|
| Introduction to College | | |
| POLS 1000 or BUSN 1102 | Political Science at Northeastern Personal Skill Development for Business | 1 |
| Political Science Requirements | | |
| POLS 1150 | American Government | 4 |
| POLS 1155 | Comparative Politics | 4 |
| POLS 1160 | International Relations | 4 |
| Political Theory | | |
| Complete one of the following: | | 4 |
| POLS 2325 | Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought | |
| POLS 2328 | Modern Political Thought | |
| POLS 2330 | American Political Thought | |
| POLS 2332 | Contemporary Political Thought | |
| Statistics | | |
| POLS 2400 or MATH 2280 or MATH 3081 or MGSC 2301 | Quantitative Techniques Statistics and Software Probability and Statistics Business Statistics | 4 |
| Political Science Electives | | |
| Complete four courses in the following range | | 16 |
| <i>Note: Elective courses may also fulfill requirements of an optional concentration of this program.</i> | | |
| POLS 2000 to POLS 5999 | | |

Political Science Concentrations (Optional)

If you are working toward one of the following concentrations, declare it with your advisor so that it may be added to your record:

- American Political Institutions (p. 3)
- Campaigns and Elections (p. 3)
- Comparative Politics (p. 3)
- Identity, Culture, and Politics (p. 4)
- International Relations and Diplomacy (p. 4)
- Law and Legal Studies (p. 4)
- Public Policy (p. 5)
- Security Studies (p. 5)

Business Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--------------------------------|--|-------|
| Accounting | | |
| ACCT 1201 | Financial Accounting and Reporting | 4 |
| ACCT 2301 | Profit Analysis for Managers and Advisors | 4 |
| Finance | | |
| FINA 2201 | Financial Management | 4 |
| Marketing | | |
| MKTG 2201 | Introduction to Marketing | 4 |
| Organizational Behavior | | |
| ORGB 3201 | Organizational Behavior | 4 |
| or ORGB 3203 | Behavioral Aspects of Digital Transformation | |

Business Concentration

Complete one of the following business concentrations:

- Accounting (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/accounting/>)
- Accounting and Advisory Services (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/accounting-advisory-services/>)
- Brand Management (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/brand-management/>)
- Business Analytics (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/business-analytics/>)
- Corporate Innovation (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/corporate-innovation/>)
- Entrepreneurial Startups (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/entrepreneurial-startups/>)
- Finance (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/finance/>)
- Fintech (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/fintech/>)
- Healthcare Management and Consulting (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/healthcare-management-consulting/>)
- International Business (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/international-business/>) (available only as a second concentration)
- Management (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/management/>)
- Management Information Systems (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/management-information-systems/>)
- Marketing (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/marketing/>)
- Marketing Analytics (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/marketing-analytics/>)
- Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/social-innovation-entrepreneurship/>)
- Supply Chain Management (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/supply-chain-management/>)

Supporting Courses

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--------------------------------|---|-------|
| Mathematics | | |
| MATH 1231 | Calculus for Business and Economics (MATH1231 is strongly recommended for this combined major) | 4 |
| or MATH 1341 | Calculus 1 for Science and Engineering | |
| or MATH 1241 | Calculus 1 | |
| or MATH 1251 | Calculus and Differential Equations for Biology 1 | |
| or MATH 1340 | Intensive Calculus for Engineers | |
| Economics | | |
| ECON 1115 | Principles of Macroeconomics | 4 |
| or ECON 1116 | Principles of Microeconomics | |
| Computer Science | | |
| Complete one of the following: | | 4-5 |
| CS 1100 and CS 1101 | Computer Science and Its Applications and Lab for CS 1100 (Selecting this 5 SH option will add one additional semester hour to your degree program.) | |
| MISM 2510 | Fundamentals of Information Analytics | |
| Co-op Preparation | | |

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| BUSN 1103 | Professional Development for Business Co-op | 1 |
| or EESH 2000 | Professional Development for Co-op | |

Integrative Requirement

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Senior Capstone | | |
| POLS 4701 | Political Science Senior Capstone (or POLS 4703 Senior Thesis) | 4 |
| or STRT 4501 | Strategy in Action | |

Business Experiential Learning

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---|--|-------|
| Complete at least one of the following experiences: | | 0-8 |
| BUSN 4945 | In-the-Field Experiential Professional Practicum | |
| COOP 3945 | Co-op Work Experience | |
| COOP 3946 | Co-op Work Experience--Half Time | |
| COOP 3947 | Co-op Work Experience Abroad--Half Time | |
| COOP 3948 | Co-op Work Experience Abroad | |
| EEBA 2945 | Internship Experience | |
| EEBA 2948 | Internship Experience Abroad | |

Political Science GPA Requirement

Minimum 2.000 GPA required in all political science courses

Business GPA Requirement

Minimum 2.000 GPA required in business courses

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Political Science Concentrations (Optional)

CONCENTRATION IN AMERICAN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Complete four of the following: | | 16 |
| POLS 3160 | Campaign Strategy | |
| POLS 3300 | The U.S. Congress | |
| POLS 3302 | Judicial Process and Behavior | |
| POLS 3307 | Public Policy and Administration | |
| POLS 3310 | Public Opinion, Voting, and Elections | |

CONCENTRATION IN CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Required Courses | | |
| POLS 3160 | Campaign Strategy | 4 |
| POLS 3302 | Judicial Process and Behavior | 4 |
| Campaigns and Elections Electives | | |
| Complete two of the following: | | 8 |
| POLS 2345 | Urban Policies and Politics | |
| POLS 3310 | Public Opinion, Voting, and Elections | |
| POLS 3320 | Politics and Mass Media | |

CONCENTRATION IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Theoretical Requirement | | |
| Complete two of the following: | | 8 |

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| POLS 2282 | The Holocaust and Comparative Genocide |
| POLS 2356 | Democratic Erosion |
| POLS 2359 | Immigration Politics |
| POLS 2370 | Religion and Politics |
| POLS 3418 | Nationalism |
| POLS 3430 | Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection |
| POLS 3487 | Politics of Developing Nations |

Regional Requirements

Complete one of the following: 4

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| POLS 3435 | Politics and Governance of Europe and the European Union |
| POLS 3465 | Government and Politics in the Middle East |

Experiential/Practicum Requirement

Complete one of the following: 4

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| POLS 4915 | Model Arab League |
| POLS 4918 | Model NATO |
| POLS 4937 | Dialogue of Civilizations: Government and Politics Abroad |

CONCENTRATION IN IDENTITY, CULTURE, AND POLITICS

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Core Course | | |
| POLS 3418 | Nationalism | 4 |

Electives

Complete three of the following: 12

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| POLS 2359 | Immigration Politics |
| POLS 2368 | Music and Politics in America and Abroad |
| POLS 2370 | Religion and Politics |
| POLS 3309 | Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues in Public Policy |
| POLS 3324 | Law and Society |

CONCENTRATION IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---|-------|-------|
| Experiential/Practicum Requirement | | |
| Complete one of the following: 4 | | |

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| POLS 4910 | Model United Nations |
| POLS 4915 | Model Arab League |
| POLS 4938 | Dialogue of Civilizations: International Politics Abroad |

Core Courses

Complete three of the following: 12

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|-----------|--|
| POLS 3405 | International Political Economy |
| POLS 3406 | International Law |
| POLS 3435 | Politics and Governance of Europe and the European Union |
| POLS 5408 | International Security |

CONCENTRATION IN LAW AND LEGAL STUDIES

| Code | Title | Hours |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Complete four of the following: 16 | | |

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| POLS 2330 | American Political Thought |
| POLS 3300 | The U.S. Congress |
| POLS 3302 | Judicial Process and Behavior |
| POLS 3324 | Law and Society |
| POLS 3406 | International Law |
| POLS 4500 | U.S. Constitutional Law |
| POLS 4505 | U.S. Civil Liberties |

CONCENTRATION IN PUBLIC POLICY

| Code | Title | Hours |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Core Requirement | | |
| POLS 3307 | Public Policy and Administration | 4 |
| Electives | | |
| Complete three of the following: | | 12 |
| POLS 2345 | Urban Policies and Politics | |
| POLS 2390 | Science, Technology, and Public Policy | |
| POLS 2395 | Environmental Politics and Policy | |
| POLS 3425 | U.S. Foreign Policy | |

CONCENTRATION IN SECURITY STUDIES

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Complete four of the following: | | 16 |
| POLS 3420 | U.S. National Security Policy | |
| POLS 3423 | Terrorism and Counterterrorism | |
| POLS 3425 | U.S. Foreign Policy | |
| POLS 3430 | Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection | |
| POLS 3487 | Politics of Developing Nations | |
| POLS 5408 | International Security | |

Plan of Study**Sample Plan of Study****Year 1**

| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours | Summer 1 | Hours | Summer 2 | Hours |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| ACCT 1201 | | 4 ECON 1115 or 1116 | | 4 DD NUpath | | 4 Open elective | 4 |
| ENGW 1111 | | 4 MGSC 2301 or POLS 2400 | | 4 Open elective | | 4 Open elective | 4 |
| MATH 1231 | | 4 POLS 1150 | | 4 | | | |
| POLS 1000 or BUSN 1102 | | 1 POLS 1160 | | 4 | | | |
| POLS 1155 | | 4 | | | | | |
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Year 2

| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours | Summer 1 | Hours | Summer 2 | Hours |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| BUSN 1103 or EESH 2000 | | 1 Co-op | | 0 Co-op | | 0 ACCT 2301 | 4 |
| MKTG 2201 | | 4 | | | | FINA 2201 | 4 |
| Computer Science Requirement | | 4-5 | | | | | |
| POLS thought | | 4 | | | | | |
| POLS elective | | 4 | | | | | |
| | | 17-18 | | 0 | | 0 | 8 |

Year 3

| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours | Summer 1 | Hours | Summer 2 | Hours |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| ORGB 3201 or 3203 | | 4 Co-op | | 0 Co-op | | 0 POLS elective | 4 |
| POLS elective | | 4 | | | | ND NUpath | 4 |
| POLS elective | | 4 | | | | | |
| Concentration class 1 | | 4 | | | | | |
| | | 16 | | 0 | | 0 | 8 |

Year 4

| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| ENGW 3304, 3315, or 3307 | | 4 POLS 4701 or STRT 4501 | 4 |
| Concentration class 2 | | 4 Concentration class 4 | 4 |
| Concentration class 3 | | 4 IC NUpath | 4 |

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| | 16 | | 16 |

Total Hours: 130-131