

# Political Science and Economics, BA (Boston)

The combined major in political science and economics offers students the opportunity to integrate the study of politics and government with the study of economics. Students complete the core courses in political science along with core courses in economics that cover both macroeconomic and microeconomic perspectives. This combined major highlights the important role that the economy plays in shaping 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/>).

## 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/>).

## Political Science Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Political Science Requirements</b>		
POLS 1150	American Government	4
POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	4
POLS 1160	International Relations	4
<b>Political Theory</b>		
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	
<b>Political Science Electives</b>		
<i>Note: You may use these four courses in the elective area to fulfill a concentration</i>		
Complete four courses POLS 2000 to POLS 5999		16

## 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. Requirements for the concentrations are listed below.

- 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. 4)
- Security Studies (p. 5)

## Economics Requirements for BA

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Breadth Courses</b>		
<i>Calculus</i>		

MATH 1231	Calculus for Business and Economics (It is highly recommended that students who take MATH 1231 take sections devoted to econ students only.)	4
or MATH 1241	Calculus 1	
or MATH 1245	Calculus with Applications	
or MATH 1251	Calculus and Differential Equations for Biology 1	
or MATH 1340	Intensive Calculus for Engineers	
or MATH 1341	Calculus 1 for Science and Engineering	

**Computer Science**

Complete one of the following: 4-5

CS 1100 and CS 1101	Computer Science and Its Applications and Lab for CS 1100	
MISM 2510	Fundamentals of Information Analytics	

**Required Economics Courses**

ECON 1115	Principles of Macroeconomics	4
ECON 1116	Principles of Microeconomics	4
ECON 2315	Macroeconomic Theory	4
ECON 2316	Microeconomic Theory	4
ECON 3520	History of Economic Thought	4

**Economics Electives**

Complete 3 economics elective courses that are found in the following ranges, with no more than 1 in the ECON 1200 to ECON 1999 range. Unless otherwise noted in specific combined majors, required core economics courses cannot be counted as electives by students completing Department of Economics programs. Additionally, ECON 3520 may not be used as an economics elective: 12

ECON 1200 to ECON 1999	
ECON 2990 to ECON 3559	
ECON 3561 to ECON 4689	
ECON 4900 to ECON 4996	
ECON 5200 to ECON 5999	

**Supporting Courses**

Complete either of the statistics and departmental elective combinations listed below:

**COMBINATION A**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Statistics</b>		
POLS 2400	Quantitative Techniques	4
<b>Economics</b>		
Complete one course within the following ranges, excluding ECON 3520. This course may not also be used as an Economics elective.		4
ECON 1200 to ECON 1999		
ECON 2990 to ECON 4689		
ECON 4900 to ECON 4996		
ECON 5200 to ECON 5999		

**COMBINATION B**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Statistics</b>		
ECON 2350	Statistics for Economists	4
<b>Political Science</b>		
Complete one course in the following range:		4
POLS 2401 to POLS 5999		

**Integrative Requirements**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Senior Seminar/Capstone</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4

ECON 4692	Senior Economics Seminar
ECON 4997	Senior Economics Thesis
POLS 4701	Political Science Senior Capstone
POLS 4703	Senior Thesis

### Combined Major GPA/Credit Requirement

Grades in the following required Economics courses and in Quantitative Techniques (POLS 2400) or Statistics for Economists (ECON 2350) must average to a minimum of C (2.000):

Code	Title	Hours
ECON 2315	Macroeconomic Theory	
ECON 2316	Microeconomic Theory	
ECON 2350	Statistics for Economists	
or POLS 2400	Quantitative Techniques	

### 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

## Concentrations

### 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
<b>Required Courses</b>		
POLS 3160	Campaign Strategy	4
POLS 3302	Judicial Process and Behavior	4
<b>Campaigns and Elections Electives</b>		
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
<b>Theoretical Requirement</b>		
Complete two of the following:		8
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
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
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
<b>Core Course</b>		
POLS 3418	Nationalism	4
<b>Electives</b>		
Complete three of the following:		12
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
<b>Experiential/Practicum Requirement</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4
POLS 4910	Model United Nations	
POLS 4915	Model Arab League	
POLS 4938	Dialogue of Civilizations: International Politics Abroad	
<b>Core Courses</b>		
Complete three of the following:		12
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
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
<b>Core Requirement</b>		
POLS 3307	Public Policy and Administration	4
<b>Electives</b>		
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

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

##### Year 1

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ECON 1115		4 CS 1100 or MIS 2510		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
ENGW 1111		4 ECON 1116		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
POLS 1155		4 MATH 1231, 1241, 1245, 1251, 1340, or 1341		4			
Elective		4 POLS 1150		4			
	16		16		8		8

##### Year 2

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ECON 2315		4 ECON 2316		4 Political Theory Course		4 Co-op	0
POLS 1160		4 POLS 2400 or ECON 2350		4 Elective		4	
ECON elective 1		4 POLS elective		4			
POLS elective		4 Elective		4			
	16		16		8		0

##### Year 3

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		0 ECON 3520		4 ENGW 3315		4 Co-op	0
		ECON elective 2		4 ECON elective 3		4	
		POLS elective		4			
		Elective		4			
	0		16		8		0

##### Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Co-op		0 POLS 4701, 4703, ECON 4692, or ECON 4997	4
		ECON or POLS elective (See Supporting Courses, Combinations A and B.)	4
		Elective	4
		Elective	4
	0		16

Total Hours: 128