

# Cultural Anthropology and Philosophy, BA (Boston)

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Department of Philosophy and Religion offer an interdisciplinary combined major in cultural anthropology and philosophy. Students in the combined major integrate the study of culture and social structures with the study of social and political philosophy, ethics, and the philosophy of science. The combined major is designed to enable students to understand and appreciate cultural differences in human interaction, ways of knowing, and systems of logic and human classification.

## 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/>).

## Cultural Anthropology Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Foundation Courses</b>		
ANTH 1101	Peoples and Cultures	4
ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture	4
ANTH 3410	Ethnographic Field Experience	4
ANTH 3421	Foundations of Anthropological Theory	4
<b>Area Courses</b>		
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
<b>Capstone</b>		
ANTH 4600 or ANTH 4100	Senior Seminar Making Anthropology Public	4
<b>Electives</b>		
Complete three 4-semester-hour courses not used to satisfy another requirement in addition to the above requirements. One study-abroad course may also count toward this requirement with prior permission from the department.		12

## Philosophy Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
PHIL 1115	Introduction to Logic	4
PHIL 2325 or POLS 2325	Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought	4
PHIL 2330	Modern Philosophy	4
<b>Foundational Philosophy of Science Elective</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4
PHIL 1105	Science and Pseudoscience	
PHIL 2001	Ethics and Evolutionary Games	
PHIL 3050	Information and Uncertainty	
PHIL 3360	Scientific Approaches to Philosophy	

Advanced Philosophy Electives

Complete two PHIL courses with a designation of 3000 or above not used to satisfy another requirement and at least one at the 4000 or 5000 level, except 5110. 8

Critical Philosophy Elective

Complete one of the following not used to fulfill other requirements: 4

AFCS 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies
PHIL 1104	Goddesses, Witches, Saints, and Sinners: Women and Religion
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
PHIL 2155	Human Rights
PHIL 2410	Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions
PHIL 2492	Indigenous Philosophy
PHIL 2619	Race and Religion in Film
PHIL 3500	Sexuality, Gender, and the Law
PHIL 3512	Religion, Race, and Politics
PHIL 3822	Philosophy of Race and Racism

Philosophy Electives

Complete two additional courses from the philosophy department. 8

Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
One integrative course is required from each discipline. Courses taken as electives above may not be used as integrative courses.		
ANTH 2315 or ANTH 3417 or ANTH 3442	Religion and Modernity Political Anthropology Anthropology of Law	4
PHIL 4500 or PHIL 4510 or PHIL 4550 or PHIL 4555 or PHIL 4903	Theory of Knowledge Philosophy of Science Philosophy of Economics Philosophy of Biology Seminar in Religion	4

Cultural Anthropology and Philosophy Combined Major Credit Requirement

Minimum 2.000 GPA required in anthropology and philosophy courses

84 semester hours required

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 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
ANTH 1000 or PHIL 1000		1 ANTH 2305		4 Elective		4 ANTH elective	4
ANTH 1101		4 PHIL 2325		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
ENGW 1111		4 Critical philosophy elective		4			
PHIL 1115		4 ANTH elective		4			
PHIL elective		4					
17		16		8		8	

## Year 2

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
PHIL 2330		4 ANTH 3410		4 Elective		4 Co-op	0
ANTH elective		4 ANTH 3421		4 Elective		4	
ANTH area course		4 PHIL advanced elective		4			
Elective		4 PHIL elective		4			
	16		16		8		0

### Year 3

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		0 ANTH area course		4 Elective		4 Co-op	0
		ANTH elective		4 Elective		4	
		Integrative course		4			
		PHIL 4000/5000-level course		4			
	0		16		8		0

## Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Co-op		0 ANTH 4600 or 4100	4
		PHIL capstone	4
		Integrative course	4
		Elective	4
	<b>0</b>		<b>16</b>

**Total Hours: 129**