

Sociology and International Affairs, BA (Boston)

Through this combined major, successful undergraduates develop an awareness of societies 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/>).

Sociology Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Sociology Required Courses		
SOCL 1101	Introduction to Sociology	4
SOCL 2320	Statistical Analysis in Sociology	4
or INSH 3102	Introduction to Statistics in the Social Sciences	
SOCL 2321	Research Methods in Sociology	4
or INTL 2718	Research Methods in International Affairs	
or INSH 3101	Research Methods in the Social Sciences	
SOCL 3300	Social Theory	4
Sociology Electives A		
Complete two courses in the following range not used to satisfy other requirements:		8
SOCL 1000 to SOCL 2999		
Sociology Electives B		
Complete three courses in the following range not used to satisfy other requirements:		12
SOCL 3000 to SOCL 5999		

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

Development

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

Communication and Media

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 of the following courses, 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 adviser. See department for additional courses:		8

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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	

Asia

ANTH 4350	Ethnography of Southeast Asia	
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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
<i>Latin America</i>	
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
<i>Middle East</i>	
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.

Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		4
SOCL 3450	Class, Power, and Social Change	
ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture	

Capstone Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		4
INTL 4700	Senior Capstone Seminar in International Affairs	
SOCL 4600	Senior Seminar	

Sociology Major Grade Requirement

A GPA of 2.000 for major courses is required.

Sociology and International Affairs Combined Major Credit Requirement

Complete 80 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
HIST 2211, ECON 1115, or HIST 2311		4 ENGW 1111		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
INTL 1101		4 POLS 1160		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
SOCL 1000 or INTL 1000		1 Elective		4			
SOCL 1101		4 Elective		4			
Foreign Language Course		4					
	17		16			8	8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
SOCL 2320 or INSH 3102		4 POLS 1155		4 Elective		4 Co-op	0
SOCL 3300		4 SOCL 2321, INTL 2718, or INSH 3101		4 Elective		4	
Foreign Language Course		4 Elective		4			
Elective		4 Elective		4			
	16		16			8	0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		0 ENGW 3315		4 Elective		4 Co-op	0
		INTL 3400		4 Elective		4	
		Integrative course		4			
		Elective		4			
	0		16			8	0

Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Co-op		0 SOCL 4600 or INTL 4700	4
		Elective	4
		Elective	4
		Elective	4
	0		16

Total Hours: 129**FIVE YEARS, THREE CO-OPS IN SPRING/SUMMER FIRST HALF****Year 1**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
HIST 2211 or ECON 1115		4 ANTH 1101		4 Vacation		Vacation	
INTL 1101		4 ENGW 1111		4			
SOCL 1000		1 POLS 1160		4			
SOCL 1101		4 Elective		4			
Foreign Language Course		4					
	17		16		0		0

Year 2

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
SOCL 2320		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Elective	4
SOCL 3300		4				Elective	4
Foreign Language Course		4					
Elective		4					
	16		0		0		8

Year 3

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ANTH 2305		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Elective	4
POLS 1155		4				Elective	4
SOCL 2321 or INTL 2718		4					
Elective		4					
	16		0		0		8

Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGW 3315		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Vacation	
INTL 3400		4					
SOCL 3450		4					
Elective		4					
	16		0		0		0

Year 5

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Elective		4 SOCL 4600 or INTL 4700	4
Elective		4 Elective	4
Elective		4 Elective	4
Elective		4 Elective	4
	16		16

Total Hours: 129