

Sociology and Philosophy, BA (Boston)

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Department of Philosophy and Religion offer an interdisciplinary combined major in sociology and philosophy. Students in the combined major integrate the study of social structures and systems with the study of social and political philosophy, ethics, and the philosophy of science.

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 INSH 3101	Research Methods in the Social Sciences	
SOCL 3300	Social Theory	4
Electives		
Complete five SOCL courses numbered 2000-4999. At least three of those courses must be at or above the 3000 level.		20
Capstone		
Students are expected to complete the following course in spring of their senior year:		4
SOCL 4600	Senior Seminar	

Philosophy Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
PHIL 1115	Introduction to Logic	4
PHIL 2325	Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought	4
or POLS 2325	Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought	
PHIL 2330	Modern Philosophy	4
Foundational Philosophy of Science Elective		
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 4000 or 5000 level. Except PHIL 5110.		8
Critical Philosophy Elective		

Take one of the following courses not used to fulfill another 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 Elective

Complete one additional PHIL course not used to satisfy other requirements. 4

Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
One integrative course is required for each discipline. Courses taken as electives above may not be used as integrative courses.		
PHIL 4500	Theory of Knowledge	4
or PHIL 4510	Philosophy of Science	
or PHIL 4550	Philosophy of Economics	
SOCL 3450	Class, Power, and Social Change	4

Sociology GPA Requirement

Minimum 2.000 GPA required in all sociology courses

Philosophy GPA Requirement

Minimum 2.000 GPA required in all philosophy courses

Sociology and Philosophy Major Credit Requirement

80 semester hours required 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 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
SOCL 1000 or PHIL 1000		1 PHIL 2325 or POLS 2325		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
PHIL 1115	4	PHIL 2330	4	Elective		4 Elective	4
SOCL 1101	4	PHIL elective		4			
PHIL elective	4	SOCL elective		4			
SOCL elective	4						
	17		16			8	8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
SOCL 2320 or INSH 3102		4 SOCL 2321 or INSH 3101		4 Elective		4 Co-op	0
PHIL advanced elective	4	SOCL 3300	4	Elective		4	
SOCL elective	4	PHIL advanced elective		4			
SOCL elective	4	PHIL elective		4			
	16		16			8	0

Year 3

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

Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Co-op	0	SOCL 4600	4
		PHIL capstone	4
		SOCL elective	4
		Integrative course	4
	0		16

Total Hours: 129