

Sociology and Political Science, BA (Boston)

The combined major in sociology and political science offers students the opportunity to integrate the study of politics and government with an analysis of social systems. Students complete core courses in political science along with core courses in sociology that include social theory and an introduction to social systems. This combined major highlights the important intersection between social norms and organizations with 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/>).

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 3300	Social Theory	4
Sociology Electives		
Complete four courses in the 1200 to 3999 range not used to satisfy other requirements with a minimum of two courses at or above the 2000 level:		16
SOCL 1200 to SOCL 3999		

Research Methods Training

Code	Title	Hours
Complete required methods and statistics training; choose one of the following sets:		8
INSH 3101 and INSH 3102	Research Methods in the Social Sciences and Introduction to Statistics in the Social Sciences	
POLS 2399 and POLS 2400	Research Methods in Political Science and Quantitative Techniques	
SOCL 2320 and SOCL 2321	Statistical Analysis in Sociology and Research Methods in Sociology	

Political Science Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Political Science Required Courses		
POLS 1150	American Government	4
POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	4
POLS 1160	International Relations	4
Political Thought		
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	

Political Science Electives

Note: You may use four courses from the elective area to fulfill a concentration

Complete four courses in the following range:

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POLS 2000 to POLS 5999

Political Science Concentrations (Optional)

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

- American Political Institutions (p. 2)
- Campaigns and Elections (p. 3)
- Comparative Politics (p. 3)
- Identity, Culture, and Politics (p. 3)
- International Relations and Diplomacy (p. 3)
- Law and Legal Studies (p. 4)
- Public Policy (p. 4)
- Security Studies (p. 4)

Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Choose one SOCL and one POLS class from the following list, not used to satisfy other requirements:		8
POLS 2345	Urban Policies and Politics	
POLS 3320	Politics and Mass Media	
POLS 3324	Law and Society	
POLS 3418	Nationalism	
SOCL 2270	Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality	
SOCL 3407	The Immigrant Experience: Ethnicity, Race, and Inequality in America	
SOCL 3450	Class, Power, and Social Change	
SOCL 3468	Social Movements	

Capstone

Complete one of the following, not used to satisfy other requirements:

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POLS 4701	Political Science Senior Capstone
SOCL 4600	Senior Seminar

Sociology Major Grade Requirement

A GPA of 2.000 for major courses is required.

Sociology and Political Science Major Credit Requirement

76 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

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
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
Core Course		
POLS 3418	Nationalism	4
Electives		
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
Experiential/Practicum Requirement		
Complete one of the following:		4
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
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
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****4 YEARS - 2 CO-OPS**

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGW 1111		4 POLS 1160		4 SOCL Introductory Elective		4 Elective	4
POLS 1150		4 SOCL Introductory Elective		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
POLS 1155		4 SOCL/POLS Statistics		4			
SOCL 1000		1 SOCL/POLS Methods		4			
SOCL 1101		4					
		17		16		8	8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
SOCL 3300		4 EESH 2000		1 Elective		4 Co-Op 1	0
POLS: Thought		4 POLS Elective		4 Elective		4	
POLS Elective		4 POLS Elective		4			
SOCL Intermediate Elective		4 POLS Elective		4			

		Elective		4			
		16		17		8	
Year 3						0	
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-Op 1	0	ENGW 3308	4	Elective	4	Co-Op 2	0
		Integrated Course 1		4 Elective		4	
		Elective		4			
		Elective		4			
		0		16		8	
Year 4						0	
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Co-Op 2	0	Integrated Course 2	4				
		Elective		4			
		SOCL advanced elective		4			
		SOCL 4600 or POLS 4701		4			
		0		16			
Total Hours: 130							