

Sociology and Religious Studies, BA (Boston)

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Department of Philosophy and Religion offer an interdisciplinary combined major in sociology and religious studies. Students in the combined major integrate the study of social structures and systems with the study of religious traditions and praxis.

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 |
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| 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 | | |
| Two courses can be taken at the 2000 level and three other courses at the 3000 level or higher. | | 20 |
| Capstone | | |
| Students are expected to complete the following course in spring of their senior year. | | |
| SOCL 4600 | Senior Seminar | 4 |

Religious Studies Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Required Foundational Course | | |
| PHIL 1110 | Introduction to Religious Studies | 4 |
| Lived Religion Elective | | |
| Complete one of the following courses that is not used to satisfy another requirement: | | 4 |
| PHIL 1133 | Selling Spirituality | |
| PHIL 1220 | The Meaning of Death | |
| PHIL 1260 | Apocalypticism in Film | |
| PHIL 1271 | Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam | |
| PHIL 1280 | Islam: Rituals, Traditions, and Debates | |
| PHIL 1667 | Science Fiction and Film: Moral Dilemmas and Ethical Analysis | |
| PHIL 2230 | Music and Religion | |
| PHIL 2390 | Cults and Sects | |
| PHIL 2410 | Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions | |
| PHIL 2619 | Race and Religion in Film | |
| PHIL 3100 | The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life | |

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| PHIL 3512 | Religion, Race, and Politics | |
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Comparative Religion Elective

Complete one of the following courses that is not used to satisfy another requirement: 4

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| PHIL 1111 | Introduction to World Religions | |
| PHIL 1130 | Comparative Ethics | |
| PHIL 1220 | The Meaning of Death | |
| PHIL 1271 | Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam | |
| PHIL 1275 | Hinduism, Buddhism, and Beyond | |
| PHIL 1290 | Chinese Philosophy and Religion | |
| PHIL 1667 | Science Fiction and Film: Moral Dilemmas and Ethical Analysis | |
| PHIL 2395 | Japanese Buddhism | |

Electives

Complete five of the following courses that have not been used to satisfy another requirement in the combined major. At least one must be at the 2000 level or above and at least one must be at the 3000 level or above: 20

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| PHIL 1104 | Goddesses, Witches, Saints, and Sinners: Women and Religion | |
| PHIL 1111 | Introduction to World Religions | |
| PHIL 1120 | Understanding the Bible | |
| PHIL 1130 | Comparative Ethics | |
| PHIL 1133 | Selling Spirituality | |
| PHIL 1220 | The Meaning of Death | |
| PHIL 1260 | Apocalypticism in Film | |
| PHIL 1271 | Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam | |
| PHIL 1275 | Hinduism, Buddhism, and Beyond | |
| PHIL 1280 | Islam: Rituals, Traditions, and Debates | |
| PHIL 1285 | Jewish Religion and Culture | |
| PHIL 1290 | Chinese Philosophy and Religion | |
| PHIL 1666 | The Problem of Evil in Film | |
| PHIL 1667 | Science Fiction and Film: Moral Dilemmas and Ethical Analysis | |
| PHIL 2230 | Music and Religion | |
| PHIL 2390 | Cults and Sects | |
| PHIL 2395 | Japanese Buddhism | |
| PHIL 2410 | Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions | |
| PHIL 2619 | Race and Religion in Film | |
| PHIL 3100 | The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life | |
| PHIL 3512 | Religion, Race, and Politics | |
| PHIL 4903 | Seminar in Religion | |

Seminar

Complete the following course that is not used to satisfy another requirement:

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| PHIL 4903 | Seminar in Religion | 4 |
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Integrative Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| One integrative course is required for each discipline. Courses taken as electives above may not be used as integrative courses. | | |
| ANTH 2315 | Religion and Modernity | 4 |
| PHIL 3100 | The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life | 4 |

Major Credit Requirement

Complete 84 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 Plan of Study****FOUR YEARS, TWO CO-OPS IN SUMMER SECOND HALF/FALL**

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| Year 1 | | | | | | | |
| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours | Summer 1 | Hours | Summer 2 | Hours |
| SOCL 1000 or PHIL 1000 | 1 | SOCL 2320 or INSH 3102 | 4 | Elective | 4 | Elective | 4 |
| PHIL 1110 | 4 | PHIL elective | 4 | Elective | 4 | Elective | 4 |
| SOCL 1101 | 4 | SOCL elective | 4 | | | | |
| PHIL elective | 4 | Lived religion elective | 4 | | | | |
| SOCL elective | 4 | | | | | | |
| | 17 | | 16 | | 8 | | 8 |
| Year 2 | | | | | | | |
| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours | Summer 1 | Hours | Summer 2 | Hours |
| Comparative religion elective | 4 | SOCL 2321 or INSH 3101 | 4 | Elective | 4 | Co-op | 0 |
| PHIL elective | 4 | PHIL elective | 4 | Elective | 4 | | |
| SOCL elective | 4 | PHIL elective | 4 | | | | |
| SOCL elective | 4 | Elective | 4 | | | | |
| | 16 | | 16 | | 8 | | 0 |
| Year 3 | | | | | | | |
| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours | Summer 1 | Hours | Summer 2 | Hours |
| Co-op | 0 | SOCL 3300 | 4 | Elective | 4 | Co-op | 0 |
| | | Integrative course | 4 | Elective | 4 | | |
| | | SOCL 5000 elective | 4 | | | | |
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| Year 4 | | | | | | | |
| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours | | | | |
| Co-op | 0 | PHIL seminar | 4 | | | | |
| | | SOCL capstone | 4 | | | | |
| | | Integrative course | 4 | | | | |
| | | SOCL 5000 elective | 4 | | | | |
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Total Hours: 129