Communication Studies and Sociology, BA

The communication studies department and the sociology department offer an interdisciplinary combined major in communication studies and sociology. The combined major integrates the study of communication skills and processes with the study of social behaviors.

**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.

**University-Wide Requirements**

All undergraduate students are required to complete the University-Wide Requirements (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/).

**BA Language Requirements**

All BA students are required to complete the BA language requirements (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/).

**NUpath Requirements**

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/).

NUpath requirements Societies and Institutions (SI) and Ethical Reasoning (ER) are met through the major course requirements.

NUpath requirements Natural and Designed World (ND), Creative Expression/Innovation (EI), Interpreting Culture (IC), Formal and Quantitative Reasoning (FQ), Difference and Diversity (DD), and Analyzing and Using Data (AD) may be met through electives in the major.

**Communication Studies Requirements**

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**Foundation Course**

Complete one of the following: 4

- COMM 1210 | Persuasion and Rhetoric                                   |
- COMM 1225 | Communication Theory                                      |
- COMM 1231 | Principles of Organizational Communication               |
- COMM 1255 | Communication in a Digital Age                           |

**Cluster Course**

Complete one of the following: 4

- COMM 1131 | Sex, Relationships, and Communication                     |
- COMM 2303 | Global and Intercultural Communication                    |
- COMM 2304 | Communication and Gender                                   |
- COMM 2501 | Communication Law                                         |

**Writing-Intensive Courses**

Complete two of the following: 8

- COMM 3200 | Mobile Communication                                      |
- COMM 3201 | Health Communication                                      |
- COMM 3230 | Interpersonal Communication                               |
- COMM 3304 | Communication and Inclusion                               |
- COMM 3320 | Political Communication                                   |
- COMM 3414 | Great Speakers and Speeches                               |
- COMM 3415 | Communication Criticism                                   |
- COMM 3445 | Public Relations Speeches                                 |
- COMM 3500 | Environmental Issues, Communication, and the Media       |
- COMM 3501 | Free Speech: Law and Practice                             |
- COMM 3530 | Communication and Sexualities                             |
- COMM 3532 | Theories of Conflict and Negotiation                     |
- COMM 4535 | Nonverbal Social Interaction                              |
- COMM 4605 | Youth and Communication Technology                        |
- COMM 4631 | Crisis Communication and Image Management                 |

**Communication Studies Electives**

Complete three COMM courses: 12

**Sociology Requirements**

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**Introductory Electives**

Complete two of the following: 8

- SOCL 1228 | Social Problems                                         |
- SOCL 1245 | Sociology of Poverty                                    |
- SOCL 1255 | Sociology of the Family                                 |
- SOCL 1260 | Gender in a Changing Society                            |
- SOCL 1295 | Drugs and Society                                       |

**Intermediate-Level Elective**

Complete one of the following: 4

- SOCL 2358 | Current Issues in Cities and Suburbs                    |
- SOCL 3440 | Sociology of Human Service Organizations                |
- SOCL 3450 | Class, Power, and Social Change                         |
- SOCL 3465 | Globalization and the Evolution of Human Societies      |
- SOCL 3487 | Applied Sociology: Practice and Theory                  |

**Advanced-Level Elective**

Complete one of the following: 4

- SOCL 4518 | Law and Society in a Digital World                      |
- SOCL 4520 | Race, Class, and Gender                                 |
- SOCL 4528 | Computers and Society                                   |
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**Capstone and Integrative Requirements**

**Integrative Course**
Complete one of the following:
- Communication Studies elective: 4
  - COMM 3320: Political Communication
  - COMM 3532: Theories of Conflict and Negotiation
  - SOCL 1246: Environment and Society

**Capstone/Senior Seminar Option**
Complete one of the following two options: 8

**Communications Capstone Option**
Complete one COMM course and one SOCL course from the following list:
- COMM 4102: Health Communication Campaigns
- COMM 4530: Communication and Quality of Life
- COMM 4625: Online Communities
- SOCL 3000 to SOCL 4999

**Sociology Senior Seminar Option**
Complete SOCL 4600 and one COMM course from the following list:
- SOCL 4600: Senior Seminar
- COMM 3000 to COMM 4999

**Communication Studies Grade Requirement**
No more than two grades below a C in communication studies courses may be used to fulfill degree requirements.

**Sociology Major Grade Requirement**
A GPA of 2.000 for major courses is required.

**Communication Studies and Sociology Combined Major Credit Requirement**
Complete 80 semester hours in the major.

**Experiential Liberal Arts**
All undergraduate students in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities are required to complete the Experiential Liberal Arts Requirement (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/#ela).

**Program Requirement**
128 total semester hours required

**Plan of Study**

**Sample Four Years, Two Co-ops**

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