

Media and Screen Studies and Political Science, BA

The Media and Screen Studies Program and the Department of Political Science offer a combined major in media and screen studies and political science. The combined major integrates the analysis, research, and production of traditional and emerging media along with courses on American government, comparative politics, international relations, and research methods.

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>).

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>).

NUPath requirements Interpreting Culture (IC), Societies and Institutions (SI), and Analyzing and Using Data (AD) are met through the major course requirements.

NUPath requirements Creative Expression/Innovation (EI), Difference and Diversity (DD), and Ethical Reasoning (ER) may be met through electives in the major.

NUPath requirements Natural and Designed World (ND) and Formal and Quantitative Reasoning (FQ) must be met through general electives.

Media Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to College		
MSCR 1000	Media and Screen Studies at Northeastern	1
Required Courses		
MSCR 1220	Media, Culture, and Society	4
MSCR 2220	Understanding Media and Film	4
MSCR 4623	Theories of Media and Culture	4
Elective Courses		
Complete four of the following:		16
CINE 2160	Narrative Filmmaking	

CINE 3389	Screenwriting
CINE 3392	Gender and Film
CINE 3446	Topics in Documentary Production
CINE 3920	Topics in Film Studies
MSCR 1230	Introduction to Film Production
MSCR 1310	Introduction to Digital Media Culture
MSCR 2302	Advertising and Promotional Culture
MSCR 2325	Global Media
MSCR 2895	Film Analysis
MSCR 3210	Special Topics in Media and Screen Studies
MSCR 3420	Digital Media Culture
MSCR 3422	Media Audiences
MSCR 3426	Popular Music as Media Form
MSCR 3435	Media Industries
MSCR 3437	Media and Identity
ARTD 3480	Video: Sound and Image
ARTD 3485	Experimental Video
ARTH 2212	Survey of the Still and Moving Image

Advanced Elective Courses

Complete two of the following:		8
CINE 3500	Film Theory	
MSCR 4208	TV History	
MSCR 4602	Media and Democracy	
MSCR 4622	Special Topics in Media and Screen Studies	
MSCR 4992	Directed Study	
MSCR 4993	Independent Study	

Political Science Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
POLS 1150	American Government	4
POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	4
POLS 1160	International Relations	4
POLS 2400	Quantitative Techniques	4
Political Thought		
Complete one of the following:		4
POLS 2328	Modern Political Thought	
POLS 2330	American Political Thought	
POLS 2332	Contemporary Political Thought	
Politics in Media/Art		
Complete two courses. Consult academic advisor for additional courses.		8
POLS 2368	Music and Politics in America and Abroad	
Elective Courses		
Complete two POLS courses or complete a concentration.		8

Political Science Concentration (Optional)

If you are working toward one of the following concentrations, declare it with your advisor so that it may be added to your record. Requirements for the concentrations are listed below (p. 2).

- Identity, Culture, and Politics (p.)
- Law and Legal Studies (p.)

Integrative Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
MSCR 4602	Media and Democracy	4
POLS 3320	Politics and Mass Media	4

Media and Screen Studies Grade Requirement

No more than two grades below a C in media and screen studies courses may be used to satisfy degree requirements

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Concentrations

CONCENTRATION IN IDENTITY, CULTURE, AND POLITICS

Code	Title	Hours
Core Course		
POLS 3418	Nationalism	4

Electives		Hours
Complete three of the following:		12
POLS 2360	Politics of Poverty	
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 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	

Plan of Study

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
MSCR 1000	1	MSCR 2220	4	MSCR elective	4	Vacation	
MSCR 1220	4	POLS 1155 and POLS 1156	4	Elective	4		
POLS 1150 and POLS 1151	4	MSCR elective	4				

ENGW 1111	4	Elective	4				
Elective	4						
	17		16		8		0
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
POLS 1160 and POLS 1161	4	Co-op		Co-op		Elective	4
POLS 2400	4					Elective	4
MSCR elective	4						
Advanced MSCR elective	4						
EEAM 2000	1						
	17		0		0		8
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Political thought elective	4	MSCR elective		4	Vacation	0	Co-op
Advanced MSCR elective	4	Politics in media/art elective		4			
Elective	4	Elective		4			
Elective	4	Elective		4			
	16		16		0		0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		Politics in media/art elective		4	Vacation		Vacation
		POLS elective		4			
		Elective		4			
		MSCR 4602		4			
	0		16		0		0
Year 5							
Fall	Hours						
MSCR 4623	4						
POLS 3320	4						
POLS elective	4						
Elective	4						
	16						

Total Hours: 130