

Journalism and International Affairs, BA

Overview

This interdisciplinary combined major offers students an opportunity to integrate the study and practice of journalism with the study of global affairs and international issues. Through critical thinking and practical skills, the program engages students in a deep understanding of both disciplines, supporting students to work across national cultures in areas such as foreign correspondence and other fields that require an understanding of complex regional and international issues.

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/>).

Journalism Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Foundation Courses		
C or better required in JRNL 1101, JRNL 1102, and JRNL 2201:		
JRNL 1101 and JRNL 1102	Journalism 1: Fundamentals of Reporting and Writing and Journalist's Toolbox	5
JRNL 1150	Understanding Today's News	4
JRNL 2201	Journalism 2: Intermediate Reporting	4
Visual Storytelling		
Complete one of the following:		
JRNL 2301	Visual Storytelling in Journalism	4
JRNL 3370	Podcast and Radio Journalism	
JRNL 3680	Advanced Reporting	
JRNL 5309	News Documentary Production	
JRNL 5310	Photojournalism	
JRNL 5314	Video News Reporting and Producing	
JRNL 5316	The Newsroom	
Law and Ethics		
JRNL 3550 or JRNL 4650	The First Amendment and the Media Ethics and Issues in Journalism	4
Journalism Electives		
Complete four JRNL electives (two must be 3000 level or above).		
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International Affairs Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ANTH 1101 or HIST 2211 or HIST 2311 or POLS 1155	Peoples and Cultures The World Since 1945 Colonialism/Imperialism Comparative Politics	4

ECON 1115	Principles of Macroeconomics	4
INTL 1101	Globalization and International Affairs	4
INTL 2718	Research Methods in International Affairs	4
INTL 3400	International Conflict and Negotiation	4
POLS 1160	International Relations	4

International Experiential Learning

Complete at least one international semester via study abroad, international internship, international co-op, or two approved short-term programs abroad.

International Affairs Foreign Language Requirement

Complete coursework in a language through at least intermediate-level two (language courses numbered 2102). Note: Completing this requirement satisfies the language requirement for the BA degree.

International Affairs Elective

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		4

Code	Title	Hours
INTL 2480	Women and World Politics	
INTL 2500	Race and Global Human Mobility	
INTL 3150	Global Philanthropy	
INTL 3200	Cities in a Global Context	
INTL 3406	International Law	
INTL 3430	Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection	
INTL 3450	Security, Culture, Power	
INTL 3520	Global Political Economy	
INTL 4100	Forced Migration: Refugees, Exiles, and Displaced Persons	
INTL 5010	International Human Rights Law and Policy	
INTL 5100	Climate and Development	

Global Dynamics

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following (courses are divided into thematic groups to aid students in deciding which courses to take and have no bearing on major requirements):		4

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Environment</i>		
ENVR 1110	Global Climate Change	
ENVR 2515	Sustainable Development	
ENVR 3150	Food Security and Sustainability	
INTL 5100	Climate and Development	
INTL 5268	International Environmental Policy	
or PPUA 5268	International Environmental Policy	
SOCL 1246	Environment and Society	
<i>Law, Diplomacy, and Global Governance</i>		
COMM 2303	Global and Intercultural Communication	
INTL 2480	Women and World Politics	
or WMNS 2480	Women and World Politics	
INTL 3520	Global Political Economy	
INTL 5010	International Human Rights Law and Policy	
POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	
POLS 1160	International Relations	
POLS 2370	Religion and Politics	
POLS 3405	International Political Economy	
POLS 3406	International Law	
POLS 4910	Model United Nations	

Human Rights and Social Justice

HIST 2303	Gender and Reproductive Justice
HIST 2373	Gender and Sexuality in World History
INTL 2480 or WMNS 2480	Women and World Politics
INTL 5010	International Human Rights Law and Policy
PHIL 5001	Global Justice

Conflict and Security

CRIM 3030	Global Criminology
CRIM 3060	Political Crime and Terrorism
CRIM 5203	Security in the 21st Century
HIST 1206	Drug Trade and Drug War: History, Security, Culture
HIST 1389	History of Espionage 1: Antiquity to World War II
HIST 1390	History of Espionage 2: Cold War Spies
HIST 2217	The Global Far-Right since 1945: Politics, Culture, Violence
HIST 3330	The Global Cold War
HIST 3334	Assassinations in World History
HIST 3335	History of Modern Terrorism
INTL 3430	Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection
INTL 3450	Security, Culture, Power
JRNL 3300 or INTL 3300	Covering Conflicts: Peace, War, and the Media
PHIL 5001	Global Justice
POLS 2282	The Holocaust and Comparative Genocide
POLS 3418	Nationalism
POLS 3420	U.S. National Security Policy
POLS 3423	Terrorism and Counterterrorism
POLS 3430 or INTL 3430	Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection
POLS 4918	Model NATO

Globalization

AFAM 2600	Issues in Race, Science, and Technology
ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture
ANTH 2315	Religion and Modernity
ECON 3290	History of the Global Economy
ECON 3635	International Economics
HIST 1215	Origins of Today: Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues
HIST 2211	The World Since 1945
HIST 2311	Colonialism/Imperialism
INTB 3310	Cultural Aspects of International Business
INTL 2480 or WMNS 2480	Women and World Politics
INTL 3200	Cities in a Global Context
INTL 3520	Global Political Economy
POLS 1160	International Relations
POLS 2370	Religion and Politics
POLS 3405	International Political Economy
POLS 3406	International Law

Population, Migration, and Diaspora

AFRS 1270 or PHTH 1270	Introduction to Global Health
AFRS 3424	Epidemiology of Pandemic Diseases and Health Disparities in the African Diaspora
ANTH 1101	Peoples and Cultures

HIST 1218	Pirates, Planters, and Patriots: Making the Americas, 1492–1804
HIST 1219	History of Global Pandemics
INTL 2500	Race and Global Human Mobility
INTL 3200	Cities in a Global Context
INTL 4100	Forced Migration: Refugees, Exiles, and Displaced Persons
PHIL 1111	Introduction to World Religions
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
<i>Development</i>	
ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture
ECON 1291	Development Economics
ECON 3404	International Food Policy
ECON 3405	A Critique of Capitalism
ENVR 2515	Sustainable Development
HIST 2011	Capitalism and Business: A Global History
INNO 2206	Global Social Enterprise
INTB 1203	International Business and Global Social Responsibility
or INTB 1209	International Business and Global Social Responsibility
INTL 3150	Global Philanthropy
INTL 3520	Global Political Economy
INTL 5100	Climate and Development
PHTH 5230	Global Health
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations
<i>Communication and Media</i>	
COMM 2303	Global and Intercultural Communication
INTB 3310	Cultural Aspects of International Business
JRNL 3300	Covering Conflicts: Peace, War, and the Media
or INTL 3300	Covering Conflicts: Peace, War, and the Media
JRNL 5360	Global Reporting
MSCR 2325	Global Media

Regional Analysis

Code	Title	Hours
Complete two of the following courses, both of which must be in one region. Select courses taken during a semester study abroad or specific Dialogue of Civilizations courses may count as regional analysis courses pending approval of the international affairs head faculty advisor. See department for additional courses.		8

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Africa</i>		
AFRS 1101	Introduction to African Studies	
AFRS 2307	Africa Today	
AFRS 2900	Swahili, Culture, and Politics in Kenya	
AFRS 3460	Contemporary Government and Politics in Africa	
AFRS 4939	Community Health, Culture, and Development in Kenya	
ANTH 4350	Ethnography of Southeast Asia	
ANTH 4510	Anthropology of Africa	
HIST 1180	African History	
INNO 3308	Business Economic History of South Africa	
INTL 2464	Natural Resources and Sustainable Development	
or AFRS 2464	Natural Resources and Sustainable Development	
<i>Asia</i>		
ANTH 4515	Culture and Politics in Modern India	
ASNS 1150	East Asian Studies	
or HIST 1150	East Asian Studies	

CLTR 1500	Modern Chinese History and Culture
CLTR 1506	Introduction to Chinese Popular Culture
CLTR 1700	Introduction to Japanese Pop Culture
HIST 1246	World War II in the Pacific
HIST 1252	Japanese Literature and Culture
HIST 1500	Modern Chinese History and Culture
HIST 2351	Modern Japan
PHIL 1275	Hinduism, Buddhism, and Beyond
PHIL 1290	Chinese Philosophy and Religion
PHIL 2395	Japanese Buddhism
POLS 3482	East Asian Politics
POLS 3485	China: Governance and Foreign Policy
<i>Europe</i>	
CLTR 1501	Introduction to French Culture
CLTR 1503	Introduction to Italian Culture
CLTR 1504	Cultural History of Spain
HIST 1170	Europe: Empires, Revolutions, Wars, and Their Aftermath
HIST 1272	Europe in the Middle Ages, 500–1500
HIST 1286	History of the Soviet Union
HIST 2370	Renaissance to Enlightenment
HIST 2375	The Tudors, the Stuarts, and the Birth of Modern Britain
INTL 3455	Russian Foreign Policy
or POLS 3455	Russian Foreign Policy
POLS 3435	Politics and Governance of Europe and the European Union
<i>Latin America</i>	
ANTH 4500	Latin American Society and Development
CLTR 1240	Latin American Film
CLTR 1502	Introduction to Arabic Culture
CLTR 1505	Latin American Culture, History, and Politics
CLTR 3715	New Narratives: Latin America after 1989
CLTR 3720	Literature, Arts, and Poverty in Latin America
CLTR 4655	Latin American Literature
ECON 1292	Economic History of the Middle East
HIST 1185	Introduction to Middle Eastern History
HIST 1187	Introduction to Latin American History
HIST 2025	Latin American History through Film
LACS 1220	Latino, Latin American, and Caribbean Studies
<i>Middle East</i>	
INTL 1150	The Mediterranean World: An Overview
INTL 1160	Middle East Studies
INTL 2200	America and the Middle East
INTL 3250	Democracy and Development in North Africa and the Mediterranean
PHIL 1280	Islam: Rituals, Traditions, and Debates
PHIL 1285	Jewish Religion and Culture
POLS 3465	Government and Politics in the Middle East

Introductory

Code	Title	Hours
JRNL 1000	Journalism at Northeastern	1
or INTL 1000	International Affairs at Northeastern	

Co-op

Code	Title	Hours
EEAM 2000 or EESH 2000	Professional Development for Co-op Professional Development for Co-op	1

Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
JRNL 3300 or JRNL 5360	Covering Conflicts: Peace, War, and the Media Global Reporting	4
INTL 4700	Senior Capstone Seminar in International Affairs	4

English Requirement (First-Year Writing and Advanced Writing in the Disciplines)

Code	Title	Hours
ENGW 1111	First-Year Writing	4
ENGW 3308 or ENGW 3315 or JRNL 2301	Advanced Writing in the Social Sciences Interdisciplinary Advanced Writing in the Disciplines Visual Storytelling in Journalism	4

Journalism and International Affairs Major Credit Requirement

85 semester hours required in the major

Program Requirements

129 overall semester hours required

Plan of Study**Sample Four Years, Two Co-ops in Spring/Summer 1**

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
ENGW 1111		4 ANTH 1101, HIST 2211, HIST 2311, or POLS 1155		4 Elective		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4
INTL 1101		4 JRNL 1101 and JRNL 1102		5 Elective		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4
JRNL 1000 or INTL 1000		1 POLS 1160		4				
JRNL 1150		4 Language		4				
Language		4						
		17		17		8		8
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
ECON 1115		4 Co-op		Co-op		Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4
EEAM 2000 or EESH 2000		1				Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4
JRNL 2201		4						
JRNL elective		4						
Language		4						
		17		0		0		8
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
INTL 2718		4 Co-op		Co-op		Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4
INTL 3400		4				Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4
JRNL 3550 or 4650		4						
Visual storytelling requirement		4						
		16		0		0		8

Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Integrative requirement		4 JRNL elective	4
JRNL elective		4 Integrative requirement	4
JRNL elective		4 Elective	4
Language		4 Elective	4
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Total Hours: 131