

College of Science

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The College of Science (COS) offers instructional programs that are at the forefront of discovery, invention, and innovation in the physical sciences, life sciences, linguistics, and mathematics. Our programs are designed to give students a deep understanding and hands-on experience in traditional and emerging interdisciplinary fields such as chemical biology, cognition and neuroscience, marine science, biochemistry, nanoscience, and network science.

The college places a strong emphasis on the experiential learning model and seeks to provide students with a wide array of opportunities to explore innovative, interdisciplinary collaborations through cooperative educational work assignments, service-learning, undergraduate research, internships, study-abroad programs, and active participation in our award-winning student chapters of professional associations. The college seeks to provide students with the best possible foundation for achieving their goals, whether they seek to attend graduate school, professional school, or immediately pursue a career upon graduation.

The college offers Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BS), and Bachelor of Science/Master of Science (BS/MS) (PlusOne programs) degrees in a number of majors, as well as a Bachelor of Science/ Doctor of Philosophy (BS/PhD) in physics and many interdisciplinary programs, and emphasizes the value of a solid general education through the NU Core. Students may choose a four- or five-year experiential learning plan in most programs. Either plan offers co-op opportunities, often in an area related to the student's chosen academic area. Students are normally eligible to participate in co-op in the second semester of their sophomore year.

Many programs are flexible enough to allow students to pursue a double major, a major and a minor, or one of the college's specific combined majors. The college also offers students the opportunity to create an independent major in cases where their interests and goals are not met by a specific major program.

PlusOne Programs

Many programs and departments such as biochemistry, biology, chemistry and chemical biology, mathematics, and physics offer

academically strong students the option of obtaining their BS and MS degree in five years.

Academic Advising

The College of Science has an academic advising system that consists of professional advisors located in the College of Science Student Services Office in 206 Mugar Hall and faculty advisors located in the college's department and program offices. Detailed advising information is available on the college website (<http://www.northeastern.edu/cos>). Prelaw (<http://www.northeastern.edu/prelaw>) advising and prehealth (<http://www.northeastern.edu/prehealth>) advising are also available.

Academic Progression Standards

The College of Science adheres to the university-wide academic progression standards described in the beginning of the catalog. Some majors have additional specific requirements in order to progress from year to year (see major requirements in departmental listings).

Graduation Clearance Process

Students in the College of Science are required to meet with an academic advisor in the College of Science Student Services Office in 206 Mugar Hall to determine their remaining graduation requirements. Some departments also require a meeting with a faculty advisor in their major/program. This should be completed in the junior year to ensure ample time to complete any outstanding requirements.

College Requirements

All students in the College of Science must successfully complete the university requirements of NUpath (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath>). In addition, students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree must fulfill the BA requirements (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements>).