

Africana Studies and Political Science, BA

The combined major in Africana studies and political science offers students the opportunity to integrate their studies of both disciplines and explore the historical, practical, and theoretical relationships between the two disciplines. In addition to considering the significant points of contention, students explore the ways in which insights from Africana studies can be brought to bear on the disciplinary issues and questions of political science. Within the combined major, students may also choose to concentrate their studies on a range of topics related to political behaviors and institutional developments in the United States, the Americas, Europe, Africa, and across the global African Diaspora.

Program Requirements

- Concentrations and course offerings may vary by campus and/or by program modality. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for the course availability each term at your campus or within your program modality.
- Certain options within the program may be *required* at certain campuses or for certain program modalities. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for requirements at your campus or for your program modality.

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/>).

Africana Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to Africana Studies		
AFCS 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies	4
Approaches to the Field		
Complete three of the following:		12
AFCS 1140	Introduction to African-American History	
AFCS 1270	Introduction to Global Health	
AFCS 2270	Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality	
AFCS 2325	Black Feminist Studies	
AFCS 2600	Issues in Race, Science, and Technology	
AFCS 3120	Race, Crime, and Justice	
AFCS 3305	Beyond the Binary: Race, Sex, and Science	
AFCS 3323	Race, Inequality, and the Law	
AFCS 5001	Special Topics in Race and the Law	
AFCS 5544	Seminar in Black Leadership	
Exploring Intellectual Traditions and Cultural Production		
Complete two of the following:		8
AFCS 1113	Black Popular Culture	
AFCS 2296	Early African-American Literature	
AFCS 2455	American Women Writers	
AFCS 2619	Race and Religion in Film	

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AFCS 2690	Boston in Literature
AFCS 3404	African American Rhetorical Traditions
AFCS 3664	Black Poetry and the Spoken Word
AFCS 3900	Gender and Black World Literatures
AFCS 4588	Literature in Context

Understanding Society and Social Movements

Complete two of the following: 8

AFCS 1261	Global Caribbean
AFCS 2318	New England Stories: Storytelling and the African American Experience
AFCS 2337	African American History Before 1900
AFCS 2325	Black Feminist Studies
AFCS 2330	Afro-Latin American Studies
AFCS 2380	Black Families and Incarceration
AFCS 2390	Africa and the World in Early Times
AFCS 2410	Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions
AFCS 2900	Swahili, Culture, and Politics in Kenya
AFCS 3210	Black Abolition Studies: Carcerality, Liberation, and Resistance
AFCS 3424	Epidemiology of Pandemic Diseases and Health Disparities in the African Diaspora
AFCS 4526	Afro-Asian Relations in the Americas
AFCS 4939	Community Health, Culture, and Development in Kenya

Political Science Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
POLS 1150	American Government	4
POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	4
POLS 1160	International Relations	4
POLS 2399	Research Methods in Political Science	4
POLS 2400	Quantitative Techniques	4
Political Theory		
Complete one of the following: 4		
POLS 2325	Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought	
POLS 2328	Modern Political Thought	
POLS 2330	American Political Thought	
POLS 2332	Contemporary Political Thought	
Political Science Electives		
Complete three POLS courses at the 2000 level and above. 12		

Political Science Concentrations (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.

- American Political Institutions (p. 3)
- Campaigns and Elections (p. 3)
- Comparative Politics (p. 4)
- Identity, Culture, and Politics (p. 4)
- International Relations and Diplomacy (p. 4)
- Law and Legal Studies (p. 5)
- Public Policy (p. 5)
- Security Studies (p. 5)

Supporting Courses for Political Science

Code	Title	Hours
Mathematics		
Complete one of the following to fulfill the prerequisite for POLS 2400: 4		

MATH 1213	Interactive Mathematics
MATH 1215	Mathematical Thinking
MATH 1231	Calculus for Business and Economics
MATH 1241	Calculus 1
MATH 1251	Calculus and Differential Equations for Biology 1
MATH 1341	Calculus 1 for Science and Engineering

Integrative Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Integrative Courses		
Complete one course from each discipline.		
<i>Africana Studies</i>		
AFCS 5001	Special Topics in Race and the Law	4
<i>Political Science</i>		
Complete one of the following:		4
POLS 2385	U.S. Health and Welfare Policy	
POLS 3323	Race, Inequality, and the Law	
POLS 3324	Law and Society	
POLS 3418	Nationalism	
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations	
Capstone Requirement		
Complete one of the following:		4
AFCS 4700	Capstone (if POLS 4701 or 4703 is chosen, choose an additional AFCS elective above 2000 level)	
POLS 4701	Political Science Senior Capstone	
POLS 4703	Senior Thesis	

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

CONCENTRATION IN AMERICAN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

Code	Title	Hours
Complete four of the following:		16
POLS 2350	State and Local Politics	
POLS 3300	The U.S. Congress	
POLS 3302	Judicial Process and Behavior	
POLS 3307	Public Policy and Administration	
POLS 3310	Public Opinion, Voting, and Elections	
POLS 3160	Campaign Strategy	

CONCENTRATION IN CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
POLS 3160	Campaign Strategy	4
POLS 3302	Judicial Process and Behavior	4
Campaigns and Elections Electives		
Complete two of the following:		8
POLS 2345	Urban Policies and Politics	

POLS 2350	State and Local Politics	
POLS 3162		
POLS 3310	Public Opinion, Voting, and Elections	
POLS 3320	Politics and Mass Media	

CONCENTRATION IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS

Code	Title	Hours
Theoretical Requirement		
Complete two of the following:		8
POLS 2282	The Holocaust and Comparative Genocide	
POLS 2356	Democratic Erosion	
POLS 2359	Immigration Politics	
POLS 2370	Religion and Politics	
POLS 3418	Nationalism	
POLS 3430	Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection	
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations	
Regional Requirements		
Complete one of the following:		4
POLS 3435	Politics and Governance of Europe and the European Union	
POLS 3465	Government and Politics in the Middle East	
Experiential/Practicum Requirement		
Complete one of the following:		4
POLS 4915	Model Arab League	
POLS 4918	Model NATO	
POLS 4937	Dialogue of Civilizations: Government and Politics Abroad	

CONCENTRATION IN IDENTITY, CULTURE, AND POLITICS

Code	Title	Hours
Core Course		
POLS 3418	Nationalism	4
Electives		
Complete three of the following:		12
POLS 2359	Immigration Politics	
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 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY

Code	Title	Hours
Experiential/Practicum Requirement		
Complete one of the following:		4
POLS 4910	Model United Nations	
POLS 4915	Model Arab League	
POLS 4938	Dialogue of Civilizations: International Politics Abroad	
Core Courses		
Complete three of the following:		12
POLS 3405	International Political Economy	
POLS 3406	International Law	
POLS 3435	Politics and Governance of Europe and the European Union	
POLS 5408	International Security	

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 3323	Race, Inequality, and the Law	
POLS 3324	Law and Society	
POLS 3406	International Law	
POLS 3409	Global Governance	
POLS 4500	U.S. Constitutional Law	
POLS 4505	U.S. Civil Liberties	

CONCENTRATION IN PUBLIC POLICY

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirement		
POLS 3307	Public Policy and Administration	4
Electives		
Complete three of the following:		12
POLS 2345	Urban Policies and Politics	
POLS 2350	State and Local Politics	
POLS 2390	Science, Technology, and Public Policy	
POLS 2395	Environmental Politics and Policy	
POLS 3425	U.S. Foreign Policy	

CONCENTRATION IN SECURITY STUDIES

Code	Title	Hours
Complete four of the following:		16
POLS 3420	U.S. National Security Policy	
POLS 3423	Terrorism and Counterterrorism	
POLS 3425	U.S. Foreign Policy	
POLS 3430	Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection	
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations	
POLS 5408	International Security	

Plan of Study**Sample Plan of Study: Four Years, Two Co-ops in Summer 2/Fall**

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
CLTR 1000 or POLS 1000		1 POLS 1155		4 Elective		4 Elective		4
ENGW 1111		4 POLS 1160		4 Language requirement course 2		4 Elective		4
POLS 1150		4 POLS supporting course		4				
AFCS 1101		4 Language requirement course 1		4				
AFCS 1270		4						
		17			16			8
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
POLS 2400		4 POLS political thought course		4 POLS 2399		4 Co-op		0
Language requirement course 3		4 AFCS 3900		4 Elective		4		
AFCS 2325		4 AFCS 1261		4				

AFCS 2296	4	POLS elective	4				
	16		16		8		0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op	0	PSYC 1101 (ND NUpath)	4	Advanced Writing in the Disciplines	4	Co-op	0
		Integrative course	4	Elective	4		
		AFCS 4526	4				
		POLS elective	4				
	0		16		8		0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Co-op	0	Capstone	4				
		Integrative course	4				
		POLS elective	4				
		POLS elective	4				
	0		16				

Total Hours: 129