History, Culture, and Law, BA

History, culture, and the law is an interdisciplinary major that offers students an opportunity to understand how legal systems are shaped by cultural norms and historical developments, as well as how social change has been and can be created through legal processes. After studying principles of historical method and jurisprudence, students bring to bear the interdisciplinary frameworks they have begun to develop in one of seven culturally focused concentrations: Africana studies and culture; Asian studies and culture; culture and colonialism; digital humanities; film and international cultures; gender and sexuality; and Latino/a, Latin American, and Caribbean studies and culture. Students have opportunities to develop flexibility in perspectives, to exercise ability to work in interdisciplinary frameworks, and to foster appreciation of cultural diversity that will enable them to make a positive impact in their chosen spheres of action.

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/).

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified.

Note: No more than two courses taken for this major may be counted toward another major or minor.

Law and History Core

Code	Title	Hours
Foundational Core Courses		
ENGL 3325	Rhetoric of Law	4
or ENGL 1160	Introduction to Rhetoric	
or ENGL 3404	African American Rhetorical Traditions	
HIST 1100	Law and History	4
LPSC 2301	Introduction to Law, Policy, and Society	4
or LPSC 1101	Introduction to Law	
Foundational Core Elective		
Complete two of the following not used to fulfill the previous requirement. Note that POLS prerequisites are waived for the 3000- and 4000-level POLS classes for students in this major.		8
LPSC 2301	Introduction to Law, Policy, and Society	
LPSC 3303	Topics in Law and Public Policy	
LPSC 3307	Understanding the Modern Supreme Court	
PHIL 2301	Philosophical Problems of Law and Justice	
POLS 3302	Judicial Process and Behavior	
POLS 3406	International Law	
POLS 4500	U.S. Constitutional Law	
POLS 4505	U.S. Civil Liberties	
Research Methods		
Complete one of the following:		4
HIST 2301	The History Seminar	
INSH 1500	Digital Methods for Social Sciences and Humanities	

Culture Concentrations

Select one four-course concentration from the following:

- Africana Studies and Culture (p. 3)
- Asian Studies and Culture (p. 3)
- Culture and Colonialism (p. 3)
- Digital Humanities (p. 4)
- Film and International Cultures (p. 4)
- Gender and Sexuality (p. 4)
- Latino/a, Latin American, and Caribbean Studies and Culture (p. 4)

Major Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete three of the following not already used to fulfill one of the requirements above. Courses not used above to fulfill a requirement may also be used to fulfill this elective requirement. However, only one course used to fulfill this requirement may be at the 1000 level.		12
Complete three courses (including courses cross-listed) not used to fulfill other requirements:		
AFAM 3120	Race, Crime, and Justice	
ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture	
CLTR 3418	Nationalism	
CRIM 2350	Policing a Democratic Society	
CRIM 3110	Gender, Crime, and Justice	
ENGL 2690	Boston in Literature	
ENGL 3325	Rhetoric of Law	
ENGL 3375	Writing Boston	
ENGL 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity	
or WMNS 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity	
HIST 1206	Drug Trade and Drug War: History, Security, Culture	
HIST 1215	Origins of Today: Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues	
HIST 2000	Native American Resistance: Past and Present	
HIST 2011	Capitalism and Business: A Global History	
HIST 2217	The Global Far-Right since 1945: Politics, Culture, Violence	
HIST 2280	Hitler, Germany, and the Holocaust	
HIST 2282	The Holocaust and Comparative Genocide	
HIST 2285	America and the Holocaust	
HIST 2311	Colonialism/Imperialism	
HIST 3334	Assassinations in World History	
LPSC 3303	Topics in Law and Public Policy	
PHIL 1102	Introduction to Contemporary Moral Issues	
PHIL 1112	Debating Ethical Controversies	
PHIL 2303	Social and Political Philosophy	
PHIL 2325	Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought	
PHIL 2330	Modern Philosophy	
PHIL 3100	The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life	
SOCL 4522	Environmental Justice	

Capstone

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		4
AFAM 4700	Capstone	
ASNS 4900	Asian Studies Capstone Directed Study	
ENGL 4720	Capstone Project	
HIST 4701	Capstone Seminar	
PHIL 5001	Global Justice	

Major GPA Requirement

Minimum 3.000 GPA required in all major courses

Major Credit Requirement

Complete 52 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 Requirements

128 total semester hours required

CONCENTRATION IN AFRICANA STUDIES AND CULTURE

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		4
AFAM 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies	
AFRS 1101	Introduction to African Studies	
Complete one of the following as a writing-intensive course:		4
ANTH 4510	Anthropology of Africa	
SOCL 4520	Race, Class, and Gender	
Complete two of the following, at least one of which must be at the 3000 level or above:		8
AFAM 1104—AFAM 5001		
AFRS 1270—AFRS 4939		

CONCENTRATION IN ASIAN STUDIES AND CULTURE

Code	Title	Hours
ASNS 1150	East Asian Studies	4
or HIST 1150	East Asian Studies	
Complete one of the following as a writing-intensive course:		4
ANTH 4515	Culture and Politics in Modern India	
HIST 2308	Law, Justice, and Society in Modern China	
PHIL 2395	Japanese Buddhism	
Complete two of the following. If HIST 2308 or PHIL 2395 is the writing-intensive course, at least one of these electives must be at the 3000 level or above:		8
ANTH 4350	Ethnography of Southeast Asia	
ANTH 4515	Culture and Politics in Modern India	
CLTR 1260	Japanese Film	
CLTR 1500	Modern Chinese History and Culture	
or HIST 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 1253	History of Vietnam Wars	
HIST 2011	Capitalism and Business: A Global History	
HIST 2351	Modern Japan	
PHIL 1130	Comparative Ethics	
PHIL 1275	Hinduism, Buddhism, and Beyond	
PHIL 1290	Chinese Philosophy and Religion	

CONCENTRATION IN CULTURE AND COLONIALISM

Code	Title	Hours
POLS 2325	Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought	4
or PHIL 2325	Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought	
Complete three of the following, at least one of which must be at the 3000 level or above:		12

CLTR 1501	Introduction to French Culture
CLTR 1504	Cultural History of Spain
ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature
ENGL 2450	Postcolonial Literature
ENGL 2470	Asian-American Literature
ENGL 3404	African American Rhetorical Traditions
ENGL 3664	Black Poetry and the Spoken Word
HIST 1170	Europe: Empires, Revolutions, Wars, and Their Aftermath
HIST 1218	Pirates, Planters, and Patriots: Making the Americas, 1492–1804
HIST 1272	Europe in the Middle Ages, 500–1500
HIST 1286	History of the Soviet Union
HIST 1389	History of Espionage 1: Antiquity to World War II
HIST 1390	History of Espionage 2: Cold War Spies
HIST 2011	Capitalism and Business: A Global History
HIST 2311	Colonialism/Imperialism
HIST 3335	History of Modern Terrorism
PHIL 3343	Existentialism
PHIL 3435	Moral Philosophy

CONCENTRATION IN DIGITAL HUMANITIES

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 1450	Reading and Writing in the Digital Age	4
or ENGL 3340	Technologies of Text	
Complete three of the following not previously taken, at least one of which must be at the 3000 level or above:		12
COMM 1255	Communication in a Digital Age	
COMM 2105	Social Networks	
ENGL 3340	Technologies of Text	
INSH 2102	Bostonography: The City through Data, Texts, Maps, and Networks	
PHIL 1145	Technology and Human Values	
PHIL 2001	Ethics and Evolutionary Games	
SOCL 4518	Law and Society in a Digital World (Note that this course has prerequisites.)	
SOCL 4528	Computers and Society (Note that this course has prerequisites.)	

CONCENTRATION IN FILM AND INTERNATIONAL CULTURES

Code	Title	Hours
CLTR 1120	Introduction to Languages, Literature, and Culture	4
Complete three of the following:		
CLTR 1240	Latin American Film	
CLTR 1260	Japanese Film	
CLTR 2001	World Cultures through Film	
ENGL 3487	Film and Text (Abroad)	
HIST 2025	Latin American History through Film	
PHIL 1260	Apocalypticism in Film	
PHIL 1666	The Problem of Evil in Film	
PHIL 1667	Science Fiction and Film: Moral Dilemmas and Ethical Analysis	
WMNS 3392	Gender and Film	

CONCENTRATION IN GENDER AND SEXUALITY

Code	Title	Hours
Complete four WMNS subject code courses (including cross-listed courses) not used to fulfill any other requirement for the major.		16

CONCENTRATION IN LATINO/A, LATIN AMERICAN, AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES AND CULTURE

Code	Title	Hours
LACS 1220	Latino, Latin American, and Caribbean Studies	4
Complete the following as the writing-intensive course:		

ANTH 4500	Latin American Society and Development	4
Complete two of the following:		8
CLTR 1505	Latin American Culture, History, and Politics	
CLTR 3715	New Narratives: Latin America after 1989	
HIST 1206	Drug Trade and Drug War: History, Security, Culture	
HIST 2025	Latin American History through Film	

Plan of Study

Sample Plan of Study: Four Years, Two Co-ops

Year 1

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
CLTR 1000	1	ASNS 1150 (Concentration core course)	4	Elective	4	Elective	4
ENGW 1111	4	CLTR 3418 (Major elective)	4	Elective	4	Elective	4
MATH 1215 (Potential option to cover NUPath requirement)	4	LPSC 2301 (Foundational core elective)	4				
LPSC 1101 (Foundational core course)	4	Foreign language	4				
Foreign language	4						
	17		**16**		**8**		**8**

Year 2

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
CLTR 1260 (Concentration elective)	4	Co-op		Co-op		Elective	4
EESH 2000	1					Elective	4
HIST 1100 (Foundational core course)	4						
PHIL 1112 (Major elective)	4						
Foreign language	4						
	17		**0**		**0**		**8**

Year 3

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ANTH 4515 (Concentration writing-intensive course)	4	Co-op		Co-op		Elective	4
HIST 2000 (Major elective)	4					Elective	4
INSH 1500 (Research methods)	4						
POLS 4500 (Foundational core elective)	4						
	16		**0**		**0**		**8**

Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ANTH 4350 (Concentration Elective)	4	HIST 4701 (Capstone)	4
HIST 1246 (Concentration Elective)	4	Foreign language	4
Elective	4	Elective	4
Elective	4	Elective	4
	16		**16**

Total Hours: 130