

English and Political Science, BA

The Department of English and the Department of Political Science offer an interdisciplinary combined major in English and political science. Students in the combined major in English and political science integrate the study of literature and writing with the study of political issues and problems.

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/>).

English Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Foundational Courses		
ENGL 1400	Introduction to Literary Studies	4
ENGL 1160	Introduction to Rhetoric	4
or ENGL 1410	Introduction to Research on Writing	
ENGL 1700	Global Literatures 1	4
or ENGL 1701	Global Literatures 2	

English Electives

Two of the courses chosen from the lists below must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.

Code	Title	Hours
Diversity		
Complete one course from the following. You may reuse this course to fulfill an additional English requirement below:		4
ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature	
ENGL 2450	Postcolonial Literature	
ENGL 2455	American Women Writers	
ENGL 2470	Asian-American Literature	
ENGL 2760	Writing in Global Contexts	
ENGL 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity	
ENGL 3685	Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature	

Literary Periods

Pre-1850

Complete one course from the following: 4

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ENGL 1500	British Literature to 1800
ENGL 1502	American Literature to 1865
ENGL 1600	Introduction to Shakespeare
ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature
ENGL 2330	The American Renaissance
ENGL 3101	Early Literatures
ENGL 3120	17th- and 18th-Century Literatures
ENGL 3160	Topics in 17th- and 18th-Century British Literatures
ENGL 3619	Emerson and Thoreau
ENGL 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity
or JWSS 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity
ENGL 4010	Topics in Shakespeare

Post-1850

Complete one of the following courses: 4

ENGL 2301	The Graphic Novel
ENGL 2420	Contemporary Poetry
ENGL 2430	Contemporary Fiction
ENGL 2440	The Modern Bestseller
ENGL 2450	Postcolonial Literature
ENGL 2451	Postcolonial Women Writers
ENGL 2455	American Women Writers
ENGL 2470	Asian-American Literature
ENGL 2600	Irish Literary Culture (Abroad)
ENGL 3161	20th- and 21st-Century Literatures
ENGL 3685	Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature
or JWSS 3685	Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature
ENGL 3730	20th- and 21st-Century Major Figure

Theories and Methods

Complete one of the following: 4

ENGL 1140	Grammar: The Architecture of English
ENGL 1160	Introduction to Rhetoric
ENGL 1410	Introduction to Research on Writing
ENGL 1450	Reading and Writing in the Digital Age
ENGL 2510	Horror Fiction
ENGL 2520	Science Fiction
ENGL 2620	What Is Nature?
ENGL 2690	Boston in Literature
ENGL 3070	Literary Genres
ENGL 3325	Rhetoric of Law
ENGL 3381	The Practice and Theory of Teaching Writing
ENGL 3400	Opening the Archive
ENGL 3487	Film and Text (Abroad)
ENGL 3700	Narrative Medicine
ENGL 4100	Topics in Literary Criticism (reactivating for Fall 24)
LING 1150	Introduction to Language and Linguistics
LING 2350	Linguistic Analysis
LING 3450	Syntax
LING 3452	Semantics
LING 3454	History of English
LING 3456	Language and Gender
LING 3458	Topics in Linguistics

Major Seminar

ENGL 3710	Major Seminar	4
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Writing

Complete one of the following: 4

ENGL 2700	Creative Writing
ENGL 2710	Style and Editing
ENGL 2730	Digital Writing
ENGL 2740	Writing and Community Engagement
ENGL 2760	Writing in Global Contexts
ENGL 2770	Writing to Heal
ENGL 2850	Writing for Social Media: Theory and Practice
ENGL 3375	Writing Boston
ENGL 3376	Creative Nonfiction
ENGL 3377	Poetry Workshop
ENGL 3378	Fiction Workshop
ENGL 3380	Writing Seminar
ENGL 3384	The Writer's Marketplace

English Electives

Complete any two ENGL courses that have not already been used to fulfill another requirement. 8

Political Science Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Foundational 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 Thought

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*Note: Elective courses may also be used toward fulfilling an optional Political Science concentration*

Complete three courses in the following range: 12

POLS 2000 and above that are not fulfilling other POLS requirements

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. 4)
- Campaigns and Elections (p. 4)
- Comparative Politics (p. 4)
- Identity, Culture, and Politics (p. 5)
- International Relations and Diplomacy (p. 5)
- Law and Legal Studies (p. 5)
- Public Policy (p. 6)
- Security Studies (p. 6)

Supporting Courses for Political Science

Code	Title	Hours
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

Integrative Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
English Integrative Requirement		
ENGL 2740	Writing and Community Engagement	4
Political Science Integrative Requirement		
Complete one of the following:		4
POLS 2368	Music and Politics in America and Abroad	
POLS 3320	Politics and Mass Media	
Capstone		
Complete one of the following:		4
ENGL 4710	Capstone Seminar	
POLS 4701	Political Science Senior Capstone	
or POLS 4703	Senior Thesis	

Major Credit Requirement

88 semester hours required 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
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POLS 4505	U.S. Civil Liberties
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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:		
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 Four Years, Two Co-ops in Spring/Summer 1

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
ENGL 1000		1 ENGL 1160 or 1410		4 Elective		4 Elective		4
ENGL 1400	4	POLS 1160		4 Elective		4 Elective		4
POLS 1150	4	POLS 2400 prerequisite		4				
POLS 1155	4	ENGL elective		4				
Elective	4							
		17			16			8
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
ENGL pre-1850 requirement		4 Co-op		Co-op		ENGL elective		4
ENGL theories and methods requirement		4				POLS elective		4
POLS thought course	4							
POLS 2399	4							
		16			0			8
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
ENGL post-1850 requirement		4 Co-op		Co-op		ENGL diversity requirement		4
POLS elective	4					Advanced Writing requirement		4
ENGL 3710	4							
Elective	4							
		16			0			8

Year 4			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENGL integrative course		4 Capstone requirement	4
POLS integrative course		4 ENGL elective	4
Elective		4 POLS elective	4
Elective		4 Elective	4
	16		16

Total Hours: 129

Sample Five Years, Two Co-ops in Summer 2/Fall

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGL 1000		1 ENGL 1160 or 1410		4 Vacation		Vacation	
ENGL 1400		4 POLS 1160		4			
POLS 1150		4 POLS 2400 prerequisite		4			
POLS 1155		4 English elective		4			
Elective		4					
	17		16		0		0

Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGL pre-1850 requirement		4 ENGL post-1850 requirement		4 Vacation		Co-op	
ENGL elective		4 ENGL theories and methods requirement		4			
POLS elective		4 Elective		4			
POLS thought course		4 POLS 2400		4			
	16		16		0		0

Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		ENGL diversity requirement		4 Vacation		Co-op	
		ENGL 3710		4			
		Elective		4			
		POLS 2399		4			
	0		16		0		0

Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer Full Semester	Hours		
Co-op		ENGL elective		4	Vacation		
		POLS elective		4			
		Elective		4			
		Elective		4			
	0		16				0

Year 5			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Capstone		4 Integrative course	4
Elective		4 English writing requirement	4

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POLS elective 4 Elective 4

POLS
integrative
course 4 Elective 4

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