

History and English, BA

The Department of History and the Department of English offer an interdisciplinary combined major in history and English. Students interested in the combined major integrate the study of literature and writing with the study and analysis of human history.

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/>).

History Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
History Colloquium		
HIST 1000	History at Northeastern	1
HIST 1200	Historical Research and Writing	1
HIST 1201	First-Year Seminar	4
Introductory Level		
Complete one course from the 1000 level.		4
History Seminar and Historical Writing		
HIST 2301	The History Seminar	4
HIST 2302	Historical Writing	1
Pre-1800 History Elective		
Complete one of the following:		4
HIST 1185	Introduction to Middle Eastern History	
HIST 1187	Introduction to Latin American History	
HIST 1218	Pirates, Planters, and Patriots: Making the Americas, 1492–1804	
HIST 1252	Japanese Literature and Culture	
HIST 1272	Europe in the Middle Ages, 500–1500	
HIST 2370	Renaissance to Enlightenment	
HIST 2330	Colonial and Revolutionary America	
HIST 2375	The Tudors, the Stuarts, and the Birth of Modern Britain	
Intermediate/Advanced History Courses		
Complete four history courses numbered 2000 or above that have not been used to fulfill another requirement.		16

Advanced History

Complete one history course at the 3000 level or above that has not been used to fulfill another requirement. 4

English Requirements

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

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		
<i>Pre-1850</i>		
Complete one course from the following:		4
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 or JWSS 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity	
ENGL 4010	Topics in Shakespeare	
<i>Post-1850</i>		
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
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
Capstone		
Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		4
ENGL 4710	Capstone Seminar	
HIST 4701	Capstone Seminar	

Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Required Integrative Course		
ENGL 3400	Opening the Archive	4

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>).

The History Seminar (HIST 2301) fulfills the college's experiential learning requirement.

Program Requirements

128 total semester hours required

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
HIST 1000		1 HIST pre-1800 elective		4 Vacation		Vacation		
HIST 1200		1 HIST 1000-level elective		4				
HIST 1201		4 ENGL 1160 or 1410		4				
ENGW 1111		4 Elective		4				
ENGL 1400		4						
Elective		4						
		18		16		0		0
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
HIST 2301		4 EESH 2000		1 ENGL Elective		4 Co-op		0
HIST 2302		1 HIST intermediate/ advanced elective		4 ENGL Elective		4		
ENGL 1700 or 1701		4 HIST intermediate/ advanced elective		4				
Pre-1850 ENGL		4 ENGL 3400		4				
ENGL theory and methods		4 Post-1850 ENGL		4				
		17		17		8		0
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
Co-op		0 HIST intermediate/ advanced elective		4 Elective		4 Co-op		0
AWD (online)		4 Elective		4 Elective		4		
		ENGL writing		4				
		ENGL 3710		4				
		4		16		8		0
Year 4								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
Co-op		0 HIST intermediate/ advanced elective		4 Elective		4		
		ENGL diversity		4 Elective		4		
		Capstone		4				
		HIST advanced elective		4				
		0		16		8		0

Total Hours: 128