

International Affairs, BA

The international affairs program provides a rigorous inter- and multidisciplinary curriculum while also giving students flexibility to select the courses and disciplines that interest them most. The curriculum fosters an awareness of global affairs and international issues since the early 20th century through diverse and cross-disciplinary theories of interstate relations: conflict, cooperation, hierarchies; civil society, transnational advocacy networks, global social movements; and state-society relations: democracy, authoritarianism, inequalities, citizenship. Students majoring in international affairs may also choose from among a number of regional concentrations.

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/>).

International Affairs Core Requirements

All international affairs majors must complete the following core courses:

Code	Title	Hours
Major Core		
ANTH 1101	Peoples and Cultures	4
ECON 1115 or ECON 1116	Principles of Macroeconomics Principles of Microeconomics	4
HIST 2211 or HIST 2311	The World Since 1945 Colonialism/Imperialism	4
INTL 1101	Globalization and International Affairs	4
INTL 2718	Research Methods in International Affairs	4
INTL 3400	International Conflict and Negotiation	4
POLS 1160	International Relations	4
Senior Seminar/Experiential Learning		
INTL 4700	Senior Capstone Seminar in International Affairs	4

In addition to the core requirements in the major, students may choose to declare one regional concentration from the following:

Optional Concentrations

- African Studies (p. 6)
- Asian Studies (p. 7)

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- European Studies (p. 7)
- Latin American Studies (p. 7)
- Middle East Studies (p. 7)

Students who do not choose a regional concentration must complete the following:

GLOBAL DYNAMICS REQUIREMENT

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 8 SH from the global dynamics course list.		8

Courses are divided into thematic groups to aid students in deciding which courses to take and have no bearing on major requirements.

Courses used to fulfill major core requirements may not be used to satisfy the global dynamics requirement. See the department for additional courses.

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Environment</i>		
ENVR 1110	Global Climate Change	
ENVR 2515	Sustainable Development	
ENVR 3150	Food Security and Sustainability	
INTL 5100	Climate and Development	
INTL 5268	International Environmental Policy	
or PPUA 5268	International Environmental Policy	
PPUA 5267	Climate Policy and Justice	
SOCL 1246	Environment and Society	
<i>Law, Diplomacy, and Global Governance</i>		
HIST 1100	Law and History	
COMM 2303	Global and Intercultural Communication	
INTL 2480	Women and World Politics	
or WMNS 2480	Women and World Politics	
INTL 3520	Global Political Economy	
INTL 5010	International Human Rights Law and Policy	
POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	
POLS 1160	International Relations	
POLS 2370	Religion and Politics	
POLS 3405	International Political Economy	
POLS 3406	International Law	
POLS 4910	Model United Nations	
<i>Human Rights and Social Justice</i>		
AFCS 3900	Gender and Black World Literatures	
AFCS 4526	Afro-Asian Relations in the Americas	
ANTH 3100	Gender, Social Justice, and Transnational Activism	
or POLS 3100	Gender, Social Justice, and Transnational Activism	
HIST 2303	Gender and Reproductive Justice	
HIST 2373	Gender and Sexuality in World History	
INTL 2480	Women and World Politics	
or WMNS 2480	Women and World Politics	
INTL 5010	International Human Rights Law and Policy	
PHIL 5001	Global Justice	
<i>Conflict and Security</i>		
CRIM 3030	Global Criminology	
CRIM 3060	Political Crime and Terrorism	
CRIM 5203	Security in the 21st Century	
HIST 1206	Drug Trade and Drug War: History, Security, Culture	
HIST 1389	History of Espionage 1: Antiquity to World War II	

HIST 1390	History of Espionage 2: Cold War Spies
HIST 2217	The Global Far-Right since 1945: Politics, Culture, Violence
HIST 3330	The Global Cold War
HIST 3334	Assassinations in World History
HIST 3335	History of Modern Terrorism
INTL 3430	Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection
INTL 3450	Security, Culture, Power
JRNL 3300	Covering Conflicts: Peace, War, and the Media
or INTL 3300	Covering Conflicts: Peace, War, and the Media
PHIL 5001	Global Justice
POLS 2282	The Holocaust and Comparative Genocide
POLS 3418	Nationalism
POLS 3420	U.S. National Security Policy
POLS 3423	Terrorism and Counterterrorism
POLS 3430	Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection
or INTL 3430	Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection
POLS 4918	Model NATO
<i>Globalization</i>	
AFCS 2600	Issues in Race, Science, and Technology
ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture
ANTH 2315	Religion and Modernity
ECON 3290	History of the Global Economy
ECON 3635	International Economics
HIST 1215	Origins of Today: Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues
HIST 2211	The World Since 1945
HIST 2311	Colonialism/Imperialism
INTB 3310	Cultural Aspects of International Business
INTL 2480	Women and World Politics
or WMNS 2480	Women and World Politics
INTL 3200	Cities in a Global Context
INTL 3520	Global Political Economy
POLS 1160	International Relations
POLS 2370	Religion and Politics
POLS 3405	International Political Economy
POLS 3406	International Law
<i>Population, Migration, and Diaspora</i>	
AFCS 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies
AFCS 3424	Epidemiology of Pandemic Diseases and Health Disparities in the African Diaspora
AFCS 1270	Introduction to Global Health
or PHTH 1270	Introduction to Global Health
ANTH 1101	Peoples and Cultures
CRIM 1400	Human Trafficking
HIST 1218	Pirates, Planters, and Patriots: Making the Americas, 1492–1804
HIST 1219	History of Global Pandemics
INTL 2500	Race and Global Human Mobility
INTL 3200	Cities in a Global Context
INTL 4100	Forced Migration: Refugees, Exiles, and Displaced Persons
PHIL 1111	Introduction to World Religions
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
POLS 2359	Immigration Politics
<i>Development</i>	
ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture
ECON 3291	Development Economics

ECON 3404	International Food Policy
ECON 3405	A Critique of Capitalism
ECON 5650	Economic Growth and Applications
ENVR 2515	Sustainable Development
HIST 2011	Capitalism and Business: A Global History
INNO 2206	Global Social Enterprise
INTB 1203	International Business and Global Social Responsibility
or INTB 1209	International Business and Global Social Responsibility
INTL 3150	Global Philanthropy
INTL 3520	Global Political Economy
INTL 5100	Climate and Development
PHTH 5230	Global Health
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations

Communication and Media

COMM 2303	Global and Intercultural Communication
INTB 3205	Understanding and Managing Cultural Differences
INTB 3310	Cultural Aspects of International Business
JRNL 3300	Covering Conflicts: Peace, War, and the Media
or INTL 3300	Covering Conflicts: Peace, War, and the Media
JRNL 5360	Global Reporting
LANG 3600	Language Policy
MSCR 2325	Global Media

REGIONAL ANALYSIS REQUIREMENT

Code	Title	Hours
	Complete three courses from the regional analysis list, two of which must be in one region. Select courses taken during a semester study abroad or specific Dialogue of Civilizations courses may count as regional analysis courses pending approval of the international affairs head faculty advisor. See department for additional courses.	12

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Africa</i>		
AFCS 2410	Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions	
AFCS 2900	Swahili, Culture, and Politics in Kenya	
AFCS 4939	Community Health, Culture, and Development in Kenya	
AFRS 1101	Introduction to African Studies	
ANTH 4350	Ethnography of Southeast Asia	
ANTH 4510	Anthropology of Africa	
INNO 3308	Business Economic History of South Africa	
INTL 2464	Natural Resources and Sustainable Development	
<i>Asia</i>		
ANTH 4515	Culture and Politics in Modern India	
ASNS 1150	East Asian Studies	
or HIST 1150	East Asian Studies	
CLTR 1260	Japanese Film	
CLTR 1500	Modern Chinese History and 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 1500	Modern Chinese History and Culture	
HIST 2351	Modern Japan	
PHIL 1275	Hinduism, Buddhism, and Beyond	
PHIL 1290	Chinese Philosophy and Religion	

PHIL 2395	Japanese Buddhism
POLS 3485	China: Governance and Foreign Policy
<i>Europe</i>	
ANTH 4210	Anthropology of Eastern Europe
CLTR 1501	Introduction to French Culture
CLTR 1503	Introduction to Italian Culture
CLTR 1504	Cultural History of Spain
HIST 1170	Europe: Empires, Revolutions, Wars, and Their Aftermath
HIST 1272	Europe in the Middle Ages, 500–1500
HIST 1286	History of the Soviet Union
HIST 2370	Renaissance to Enlightenment
HIST 2375	The Tudors, the Stuarts, and the Birth of Modern Britain
INTL 3455	Russian Foreign Policy
or POLS 3455	Russian Foreign Policy
POLS 3435	Politics and Governance of Europe and the European Union
<i>Latin America</i>	
AFCS 2330	Afro-Latin American Studies
ANTH 4500	Latin American Society and Development
CLTR 1240	Latin American Film
CLTR 1505	Latin American Culture, History, and Politics
CLTR 3240	Social Justice in Latin American and Latinx Film
CLTR 3715	New Narratives: Latin America after 1989
CLTR 3720	Literature, Arts, and Poverty in Latin America
CLTR 4655	Latin American Literature
HIST 1187	Introduction to Latin American History
HIST 2025	Latin American History through Film
LACS 1220	Latino, Latin American, and Caribbean Studies
<i>Middle East</i>	
CLTR 1502	Introduction to Arabic Culture
ECON 1292	Economic History of the Middle East
HIST 1185	Introduction to Middle Eastern History
INTL 1150	The Mediterranean World: An Overview
INTL 1160	Middle East Studies
INTL 2100	Modern Israel
INTL 2200	America and the Middle East
PHIL 1280	Islam: Rituals, Traditions, and Debates
PHIL 1285	Jewish Religion and Culture
POLS 3465	Government and Politics in the Middle East

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ELECTIVE

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 4 SH from the international affairs elective list.		4

Code	Title	Hours
INTL 2480	Women and World Politics	
INTL 2500	Race and Global Human Mobility	
INTL 3150	Global Philanthropy	
INTL 3200	Cities in a Global Context	
INTL 3350	Borders and Racial Security	
INTL 3406	International Law	
INTL 3430	Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection	
INTL 3450	Security, Culture, Power	
INTL 3520	Global Political Economy	
INTL 4100	Forced Migration: Refugees, Exiles, and Displaced Persons	

INTL 5010	International Human Rights Law and Policy
INTL 5100	Climate and Development

Upper-Division Electives

Complete three general electives at the 3000 level or above that do not double count with the major or NUpath.

Other Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
International Experiential Learning		
Complete at least one "international semester" via study abroad, international internship, international co-op, or two short-term programs. International students may be exempt from the semester abroad (subject to advisor approval).		
<i>If completing a concentration:</i>		
Students pursuing a regional concentration, are required to complete their international semester in the same region.		
African studies concentration: If you do not complete an international semester, you must participate in Model African Union.		
European studies concentration: If you do not complete an international semester, you must participate in either Model European Union or Model NATO.		
Middle East studies concentration: If you do not complete an international semester, you must participate in Model United Nations or Model Arab League.		

Code	Title	Hours
International Affairs Foreign Language Requirement		
Complete coursework in a language through at least intermediate-level two (e.g., ARAB 2102). Note: Completing this requirement satisfies the language requirement for the BA degree.		
If completing a concentration:		
<i>African studies concentration: Complete language coursework in Kiswahili, French, or Arabic through at least intermediate-level two.</i>		
Asian studies concentration: Complete language coursework in Chinese or Japanese through at least intermediate-level two.		
European studies concentration: Complete language coursework in French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, or Spanish through at least intermediate-level two.		
Latin American studies concentration: Complete language coursework in Portuguese or Spanish through at least intermediate-level two.		
Middle East studies concentration: Complete language coursework in Arabic or Hebrew through at least intermediate-level two.		

International Affairs Major Credit/GPA Requirements

Minimum 56 semester hours required

Minimum 2.000 GPA

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

AFRICAN STUDIES CONCENTRATION

In addition to the core requirements in the major, complete the following:

Code	Title	Hours
Global Dynamics		
POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	4
Complete 4 additional SH from the global dynamics course list. (p. 2)		4
Regional Analysis		
AFRS 1101	Introduction to African Studies	4
Complete 4 additional SH from the Africa category of the regional analysis course list. (p. 4)		16
Two courses must be 2000 or above.		

ASIAN STUDIES CONCENTRATION

In addition to the core requirements in the major, complete the following:

Code	Title	Hours
Global Dynamics		
POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	4
Complete 4 additional SH from the global dynamics course list. (p. 2)		4
Regional Analysis		
ASNS 1150 or HIST 1150	East Asian Studies	4
Complete 4 additional SH from the Asia category of the regional analysis course list. (p. 4)		16
Two courses must be 2000 or above.		

EUROPEAN STUDIES CONCENTRATION

In addition to the core requirements in the major, complete the following:

Code	Title	Hours
Global Dynamics		
POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	4
Complete 4 additional SH from the global dynamics course list. (p. 2)		4
Regional Analysis		
POLS 3435	Politics and Governance of Europe and the European Union	4
Complete 4 additional SH from the Europe category of the regional analysis course list. (p. 4)		16
Two courses must be 2000 or above.		

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES CONCENTRATION

In addition to the core requirements in the major, complete the following:

Code	Title	Hours
Global Dynamics		
POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	4
Complete 4 additional SH from the global dynamics course list. (p. 2)		4
Regional Analysis		
LACS 1220	Latino, Latin American, and Caribbean Studies	4
Complete 4 additional SH from the Latin America category of the regional analysis course list. (p. 4)		16

MIDDLE EAST STUDIES CONCENTRATION

In addition to the core requirements in the major, complete the following:

Code	Title	Hours
Global Dynamics		
POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	4
Complete 4 additional SH from the global dynamics course list. (p. 2)		4
Regional Analysis		
INTL 1160 or HIST 1290	Middle East Studies	4
Complete 4 additional SH from the Middle East category of the regional analysis course list. (p. 4)		16

Plan of Study**Four Years, Two Co-ops in Spring/Summer 1**

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ANTH 1101		4 HIST 2211		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)	4
ENGW 1111		4 POLS 1160		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)		4 Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)	4
INTL 1000		1 Elective		4			
INTL 1101		4 Foreign language course		4			

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Foreign language course	4							
	17			16		8		8
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
ECON 1115	4	Co-op		0	Co-op	0	Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)	4
EESH 2000	1						Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)	4
INTL 2718	4							
POLS 1155 or international affairs elective	4							
Foreign language course	4							
	17			0		0		8
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
ENGW 3315	4	Co-op		0	Co-op	0	Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)	4
INTL 3400	4						Elective (Dialogue of Civilizations possible)	4
Foreign language course	4							
Elective	4							
	16			0		0		8
Year 4								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours					
INTL 4700	4	Elective	4					
Foreign language course	4	Elective	4					
Elective	4	Elective	4					
Elective	4	Elective	4					
	16		16					

Total Hours: 130