The combined major in political science and communication studies offers students the opportunity to integrate the study of politics and government with different forms and mediums of communication. Students complete the core courses in political science along with core courses in communication studies that cover public speaking and persuasion. This combined major highlights the important role played by different forms of communication in shaping politics and government.

**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.

**University-Wide Requirements**
All undergraduate students are required to complete the University-Wide Requirements (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements).

**NUpath Requirements**
All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nu-path).

**BA Language Requirements**
All BA students are required to complete the BA language requirements (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nu-path/ba-requirements).

**Political Science Requirements**

**Core Courses in Political Science**
- POLS 1150 American Government 4
- POLS 1155 Comparative Politics 4
- POLS 1160 International Relations 4
- POLS 2400 Quantitative Techniques 4

**Political Thought**
Complete one of the following: 4
- POLS 2325 Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought
- POLS 2326 Premodern Political Thought
- POLS 2328 Modern Political Thought
- POLS 2330 American Political Thought
- POLS 2332 Contemporary Political Thought

**Methodology**
- POLS 2399 Research Methods in Political Science 4
  or COMM 2301 Communication Research Methods

**Political Science Upper-Division Electives**
Complete two courses in the following range: 8
- POLS 3300 to POLS 5999

**Political Science Electives**
Complete two courses in the following range: 8
- POLS 2000 to POLS 5999

**Political Science Concentration (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. Requirements for the concentrations are listed below (p. 2).

- American Political Institutions
- Campaigns and Elections
- Identity, Culture, and Politics
- Law and Legal Studies
- Public Policy

**Communication Studies Courses**

**Core Courses in Political Communication**
- COMM 1101 Introduction to Communication Studies 4
- COMM 1112 Public Speaking 4
- COMM 1210 Persuasion and Rhetoric 4

**Communication Studies Electives**
Complete six of the following: 24
- COMM 1231 Principles of Organizational Communication
- COMM 1310 Classical Foundations of Communication
- COMM 1331 Legal Argumentation, Advocacy, and Citizenship
- COMM 1412 Social Movement Communication
- COMM 1414 Great Speakers and Speeches 1, 1630–1930
- COMM 2301 Communication Research Methods
- COMM 2303 Global and Intercultural Communication
- COMM 2501 Communication Law
- COMM 2551 Free Speech in Cyberspace
- COMM 3201 Health Communication
- COMM 3304 Communication and Inclusion
- COMM 3331 Argumentation and Debate
- COMM 3409 Advocacy Writing
- COMM 3414 Great Speakers and Speeches 2, 1930–Present
- COMM 3415 Communication Criticism
- COMM 3451 Advertising Practices
- COMM 3501 Free Speech: Law and Practice
- COMM 3500 Environmental Issues, Communication, and the Media
- COMM 3532 Theories of Conflict and Negotiation
- COMM 3610 Communication, Politics, and Social Change
- COMM 4102 Health Communication Campaigns
- COMM 4533 Consultation Skills
- COMM 4602 Contemporary Rhetorical Theory
- COMM 4603 Advocacy Workshop
- COMM 4625 Online Communities
- COMM 4631 Crisis Communication and Image Management
COMM 4901 Seminar in Communications
COMM 4918 Special Topics in Communication Studies
COMM 4992 Directed Study
COMM 4994 Internship in Communication

Integrative Requirements

Integrative Courses
POLS 3320 Politics and Mass Media 4
or COMM 3320 Political Communication
POLS 2333 Politics and Film 4

Capstone Requirement
Complete one of the following. This course also counts toward the political science or communication studies elective requirement:

COMM 4102 Health Communication Campaigns
COMM 4530 Communication and Quality of Life
COMM 4533 Consultation Skills
COMM 4534 Organizational Communication Training and Development
COMM 4602 Contemporary Rhetorical Theory
COMM 4603 Advocacy Workshop
COMM 4625 Online Communities
POLS 4701 Political Science Senior Capstone
POLS 4703 Senior Thesis

Political Science and Communication Studies Combined-Major Credit Requirement
Complete 72 semester hours in the major.

Program Requirement
128 total semester hours required

Concentrations

CONCENTRATION IN AMERICAN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS
Complete four of the following:

POLS 2350 State and Local Politics
POLS 2355 Intergovernmental Relations
POLS 3300 The U.S. Congress
POLS 3302 Judicial Process and Behavior
POLS 3304 Presidential Nominating Process
POLS 3305 The American Presidency
POLS 3307 Public Policy and Administration
POLS 3310 Public Opinion, Voting, and Elections
POLS 3315 Interest Groups and Public Policy
POLS 3320 Politics and Mass Media

CONCENTRATION IN CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS
Required Courses
With advisor approval, a co-op or internship may be substituted in place of POLS 4947:

POLS 3160 Campaign Strategy 4
POLS 4947 Campaign and Elections Practicum 4

Campaigns and Elections Electives

If POLS 4947 was replaced by a co-op or internship, an additional elective must be taken.

Complete two of the following:

POLS 2333 Politics and Film
POLS 2336 Politics and the Arts
POLS 2360 Politics of Poverty
POLS 2368 Music and Politics in America and Abroad
POLS 2370 Religion and Politics
POLS 2375 Gender and Politics
POLS 2380 Latino Politics in the United States
POLS 3309 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues in Public Policy
POLS 3320 Politics and Mass Media
POLS 3324 Law and Society

CONCENTRATION IN LAW AND LEGAL STUDIES
Complete four of the following:

POLS 2330 American Political Thought
POLS 3300 The U.S. Congress
POLS 3302 Judicial Process and Behavior
POLS 3324 Law and Society
POLS 3406 International Law
POLS 4500 U.S. Constitutional Law
POLS 4505 U.S. Civil Liberties

CONCENTRATION IN PUBLIC POLICY

Core Requirement
POLS 3307 Public Policy and Administration 4

Electives
Complete three of the following:

POLS 2334 Bureaucracy and Government Organizations
POLS 2335 Budgeting and Taxation
POLS 2340 Business and Government
POLS 2345 Urban Policies and Politics
POLS 2350 State and Local Politics
POLS 2357 Growth and Decline of Cities and Suburbs
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