The combined major in political science and philosophy enables students to develop an integrated understanding of politics, political theory, ethical theory, and theories of justice. Students who complete the major will have the training to critically evaluate and assess public policies and social issues on both political and ethical grounds, including issues such as tax policy, immigration, environmental protection, trade policy, healthcare, education, defense policy, and much more.

### 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 [here](http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements).

### NUpath Requirements
All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements [here](http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath).

### Political Science Requirements

#### Core Courses in Political Science

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#### Political Thought/Theory
Complete two of the following:  

- 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 |

#### Political Science Upper-Division Electives
Complete two courses in the following range: 8
- POLS 3000 to POLS 5999

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

### 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. Requirements for the concentrations are listed below (p. 2).

- Campaigns and Elections
- Identity, Culture, and Politics
- International Relations and Diplomacy
- Law and Legal Studies
- Public Policy

### Philosophy Requirements

#### Philosophy Required Courses

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#### Philosophy Restricted Electives
Complete two courses from the following with one course at the 4000 or 5000 level: 8

- PHIL 3343 | Existentialism |
- PHIL 3445 | Philosophy of Religion |
- PHIL 3350 | 20th-Century Continental Philosophy |
- PHIL 3355 | 20th-Century Analytic Philosophy |
- PHIL 3385 | History of Jewish Rationalism |
- PHIL 3435 | Moral Philosophy |
- PHIL 3436 | History of Modern Moral Philosophy |
- PHIL 3460 | Philosophy and Literature |
- PHIL 3465 | Advanced Medical Ethics |
- PHIL 3480 | Environmental Philosophy |
- PHIL 4390 | Cults and Sects |
- PHIL 4500 | Theory of Knowledge |
- PHIL 4505 | Metaphysics |
- PHIL 4510 | Philosophy of Science |
- PHIL 4515 | Advanced Logic |
- PHIL 4520 | Philosophy of Logic |
- PHIL 4525 | Philosophy of Social Science |
- PHIL 4530 | Philosophy of Psychology |
- PHIL 4535 | Philosophy of Mind |
- PHIL 4540 | Philosophy of Language |
- PHIL 4547 | Seminar: Apocalypticism |
- PHIL 4605 | Advanced Seminar: Spinoza |
- PHIL 4606 | Seminar: Theories and Methods in Religious Studies |
- PHIL 4901 | Topics in Philosophy Seminar |
- PHIL 4903 | Seminar in Religion |
- PHIL 4906 | Topics in Religious Studies |
- PHIL 5001 | Global Justice |
- PHIL 5003 | Ethics, Justice, and Global Climate Change |
- PHIL 5011 | Comparative Religious Ethics |

### Additional Electives
Complete four additional electives in philosophy or religion. 16

### Integrative Requirement
Complete the following:

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Program Requirement
128 semester hours required

Concentrations

**CONCENTRATION IN CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS**

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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 2345 Urban Policies and Politics
- POLS 2355 Intergovernmental Relations
- POLS 3310 Public Opinion, Voting, and Elections
- POLS 3162 Local Campaigns and Elections
- POLS 3320 Politics and Mass Media
- POLS 3402 Survey Research and Polling
- POLS 3304 Presidential Nominating Process

**CONCENTRATION IN IDENTITY, CULTURE, AND POLITICS**

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Electives

Complete three 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 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY**

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Core Courses

Complete three of the following:

- POLS 3405 International Political Economy
- POLS 3406 International Law
- POLS 3407 International Organizations
- POLS 3408 International Security
- POLS 3409 Global Governance
- POLS 3435 Politics and Governance of Europe and the European Union
- POLS 3445 Politics in Central and Eastern Europe
- POLS 3470 Arab-Israeli Conflict

**CONCENTRATION IN LAW AND LEGAL STUDIES**

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**CONCENTRATION IN PUBLIC POLICY**

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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
- POLS 2385 U.S. Health and Welfare Policy
- POLS 2390 Science, Technology, and Public Policy
- POLS 2395 Environmental Politics and Policy
- POLS 3315 Interest Groups and Public Policy
- POLS 3402 Survey Research and Polling
- POLS 3410 Nontraditional Security Issues
- POLS 3412 Homeland Security Policy and Politics
- POLS 3425 U.S. Foreign Policy
- POLS 4948 Community-Based Research Practicum