

# College of Social Sciences and Humanities

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The College of Social Sciences and Humanities is a leader in the experiential liberal arts. Students deepen their understandings of culture, society, history, politics, language, and more through the integration of focused academic study and a wide range of experiential opportunities. They use familiar methods and new tools to hone their skills in close reading, interpretation, analysis, oral communication, and critical thinking.

By exploring society's most pressing challenges, students may gain a broad understanding of the relationships among peoples and nations; global economics and politics; the diversity of languages, literatures, religions, and cultures; and multiple perspectives in urban affairs, public policy, law, criminal justice, and the ethical dimensions of human behavior.

The college offers a wide variety of undergraduate programs, including 16 different majors as well as a diverse set of combined-major options, concentrations, minors, and five-year bachelor's/master's degree PlusOne programs. The college also offers students the opportunity to create an independent major in cases where their interests and goals are not met by existing majors. Students in the college take elective classes to complement their chosen area of study and earn either a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree.

All students in the college integrate experiential learning into their education—many students pursue multiple opportunities. Students may choose to conduct original student research, either independently or with a faculty member; to immerse themselves in communities and cultures either locally or around the world; to enhance their classroom learning through the co-op experience in a variety of fields; or to build more flexibility into their academic path with a Dialogue of Civilizations trip with a faculty member over the summer.

Students may choose a four- or five-year learning plan in all programs. Both plans offer co-op opportunities in an area related to the student's

chosen academic interests. Students are normally eligible to participate in co-op in the second semester of their sophomore year.

Programs in the college offer the flexibility for students to customize their academic experience around their intellectual and professional interests. A support system of department advisors, college advisors, co-op coordinators, and peer mentors helps students explore their options and shape their plan.

## Academic Advising

The College of Social Sciences and Humanities has an academic advising system that consists of academic advisors located in the Office of Student Academic Affairs in 180 Renaissance Park and faculty advisors located in the college's departments and program offices. Detailed advising information is available on the college website (<http://www.northeastern.edu/cssh>). Prelaw advising (<http://www.northeastern.edu/prelaw>) and premedical/pre dental advising (<http://www.northeastern.edu/prehealth>) are also available.

## Academic Progression Standards

The College of Social Sciences and Humanities adheres to the university-wide academic progression standards described in the beginning of the catalog. Some majors have additional specific requirements in order to progress from year to year (see major requirements in departmental listings).

## Graduation Clearance Process

Students in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities are required to meet with an academic advisor in the Office of Student Academic Affairs in 180 Renaissance Park to determine their remaining graduation requirements. Some departments also require a meeting with a faculty advisor in their major or program. This should be completed in the junior year to ensure ample time to complete any outstanding requirements.

## College Requirements

All students in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities must successfully complete their major, college, and university requirements for their specific degree.