The combined major in sociology and political science offers students the opportunity to integrate the study of politics and government with an analysis of social systems. Students complete core courses in political science along with core courses in sociology that include social theory and an introduction to social systems. This combined major highlights the important intersection between social norms and organizations with the evolution of 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 [here](http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements).

**BA Language Requirements**

All BA students are required to complete the BA language requirements [here](http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements).

**NUpath Requirements**

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

**Experiential Liberal Arts**

All undergraduate students in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities are required to complete the Experiential Liberal Arts Requirement [here](http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/#ela).

**Sociology Requirements**

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**Sociology Major Grade Requirement**

A GPA of 2.000 for major courses is required.

**Program Requirement**

128 total semester hours required
Concentrations (Optional)

CONCENTRATION IN AMERICAN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

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Campaigns and Elections Electives

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

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CONCENTRATION IN IDENTITY, CULTURE, AND POLITICS

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CONCENTRATION IN PUBLIC POLICY

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