

Sociology and Religious Studies, BA

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Department of Philosophy and Religion offer an interdisciplinary combined major in sociology and religious studies. Students in the combined major integrate the study of social structures and systems with the study of religious traditions and praxis.

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/>).

Sociology Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Sociology Required Courses		
ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture	4
SOCL 1101	Introduction to Sociology	4
SOCL 2320	Statistical Analysis in Sociology	4
SOCL 2321	Research Methods in Sociology	4
SOCL 3300	Social Theory	4
Electives		
One course can be taken at the 2000 level and three other courses at the 3000 level or higher.		16
Capstone		
Students are expected to complete the following course in spring of their senior year:		
SOCL 4600	Senior Seminar	4

Religion Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Foundational Course		
PHIL 1110	Introduction to Religious Studies	4
Lived Religion Elective		
Complete one of the following courses that is not used to satisfy another requirement:		4
PHIL 1133	Selling Spirituality	
PHIL 1220	The Meaning of Death	
PHIL 1260	Apocalypticism in Film	
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	

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PHIL 1280	Islam: Rituals, Traditions, and Debates	
PHIL 1667	Science Fiction and Film: Moral Dilemmas and Ethical Analysis	
PHIL 2230	Music and Religion	
PHIL 2390	Cults and Sects	
PHIL 2410	Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions	
PHIL 2619	Race and Religion in Film	
PHIL 3100	The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life	

Comparative Religion Elective

Complete one of the following courses that is not used to satisfy another requirement: 4

PHIL 1111	Introduction to World Religions	
PHIL 1130	Comparative Ethics	
PHIL 1220	The Meaning of Death	
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	
PHIL 1275	Hinduism, Buddhism, and Beyond	
PHIL 1290	Chinese Philosophy and Religion	
PHIL 1667	Science Fiction and Film: Moral Dilemmas and Ethical Analysis	
PHIL 2395	Japanese Buddhism	

Electives

Complete five of the following courses that have not been used to satisfy another requirement in the combined major. At least one must be at the 2000 level or above and at least one must be at the 3000 level or above: 20

PHIL 1104	Goddesses, Witches, Saints, and Sinners: Women and Religion	
PHIL 1111	Introduction to World Religions	
PHIL 1120	Understanding the Bible	
PHIL 1130	Comparative Ethics	
PHIL 1133	Selling Spirituality	
PHIL 1220	The Meaning of Death	
PHIL 1260	Apocalypticism in Film	
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	
PHIL 1275	Hinduism, Buddhism, and Beyond	
PHIL 1280	Islam: Rituals, Traditions, and Debates	
PHIL 1285	Jewish Religion and Culture	
PHIL 1290	Chinese Philosophy and Religion	
PHIL 1666	The Problem of Evil in Film	
PHIL 1667	Science Fiction and Film: Moral Dilemmas and Ethical Analysis	
PHIL 2230	Music and Religion	
PHIL 2390	Cults and Sects	
PHIL 2395	Japanese Buddhism	
PHIL 2410	Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions	
PHIL 2619	Race and Religion in Film	
PHIL 3100	The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life	
PHIL 4903	Seminar in Religion	

Seminar

Complete the following course that is not used to satisfy another requirement:

PHIL 4903	Seminar in Religion	4
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Integrative Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
One integrative course is required for each discipline. Courses taken as electives above may not be used as integrative courses.		
ANTH 2315	Religion and Modernity	4
PHIL 3100	The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life	4

Major Credit Requirement

Complete 84 semester hours in the major.

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

Plan of Study

Four Years, Two Co-ops in Summer 2/ Fall

Year 1									
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours				
PHIL 1110		4 SOCL 2320		4 Elective		4			
SOCL 1101		4 PHIL elective		4 Elective		4			
PHIL elective		4 SOCL elective		4					
SOCL elective		4 Lived religion elective		4					
		16			16	8			
Year 2									
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours		
ANTH 2305		4 SOCL 2321		4 Elective		4 Co-op			
Comparative religion elective		4 PHIL elective		4 Elective		4			
PHIL elective		4 PHIL elective		4					
SOCL 2000 elective		4 Elective		4					
		16			16	8		0	
Year 3									
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours		
Co-op		SOCL 3300		4 Elective		4 Co-op			
		Integrative course		4 Elective		4			
		SOCL 5000 elective		4					
		SOCL 5000 elective		4					
		0			16	8		0	
Year 4									
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours				
Co-op		PHIL seminar		4 Elective		4			
		SOCL capstone		4 Elective		4			
		Integrative course		4					
		SOCL 5000 elective		4					
		0			16	8			
Total Hours: 128									