

English and Communication Studies, BA

The English department and the Communication Studies department offer an interdisciplinary combined major in English and Communication Studies. Broadly speaking, students in the combined major in English and communication studies at Northeastern integrate the study of literature and writing with studies of media, social, corporate, and political communications.

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/>).

English Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Foundational Courses		
ENGL 1400	Introduction to Literary Studies	4
ENGL 1160	Introduction to Rhetoric	4
or ENGL 1410	Introduction to Research on Writing	
ENGL 1700	Global Literatures 1	4
or ENGL 1701	Global Literatures 2	

English Electives

Two of the courses chosen from the lists below must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.

Code	Title	Hours
Diversity		
Complete one course from the following. You may reuse this course to fulfill an additional English requirement below:		4
ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature	
ENGL 2450	Postcolonial Literature	
ENGL 2455	American Women Writers	
ENGL 2470	Asian-American Literature	
ENGL 2760	Writing in Global Contexts	
ENGL 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity	
ENGL 3685	Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature	

Literary Periods

Pre-1850

Complete one course from the following: 4

ENGL 1500	British Literature to 1800
ENGL 1502	American Literature to 1865
ENGL 1600	Introduction to Shakespeare
ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature
ENGL 2330	The American Renaissance
ENGL 3101	Early Literatures
ENGL 3120	17th- and 18th-Century Literatures
ENGL 3160	Topics in 17th- and 18th-Century British Literatures
ENGL 3619	Emerson and Thoreau
ENGL 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity
or JWSS 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity
ENGL 4010	Topics in Shakespeare

Post-1850

Complete one of the following courses: 4

ENGL 2301	The Graphic Novel
ENGL 2420	Contemporary Poetry
ENGL 2430	Contemporary Fiction
ENGL 2440	The Modern Bestseller
ENGL 2450	Postcolonial Literature
ENGL 2451	Postcolonial Women Writers
ENGL 2455	American Women Writers
ENGL 2470	Asian-American Literature
ENGL 2600	Irish Literary Culture (Abroad)
ENGL 3161	20th- and 21st-Century Literatures
ENGL 3685	Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature
or JWSS 3685	Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature
ENGL 3730	20th- and 21st-Century Major Figure

Theories and Methods

Complete one of the following: 4

ENGL 1140	Grammar: The Architecture of English
ENGL 1160	Introduction to Rhetoric
ENGL 1410	Introduction to Research on Writing
ENGL 1450	Reading and Writing in the Digital Age
ENGL 2510	Horror Fiction
ENGL 2520	Science Fiction
ENGL 2620	What Is Nature?
ENGL 2690	Boston in Literature
ENGL 3070	Literary Genres
ENGL 3325	Rhetoric of Law
ENGL 3381	The Practice and Theory of Teaching Writing
ENGL 3400	Opening the Archive
ENGL 3487	Film and Text (Abroad)
ENGL 3700	Narrative Medicine
ENGL 4100	Topics in Literary Criticism (reactivating for Fall 24)
LING 1150	Introduction to Language and Linguistics
LING 2350	Linguistic Analysis
LING 3450	Syntax
LING 3452	Semantics
LING 3454	History of English
LING 3456	Language and Gender
LING 3458	Topics in Linguistics

Major Seminar

ENGL 3710	Major Seminar	4
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Writing

Complete one of the following:		4
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ENGL 2700	Creative Writing	
ENGL 2710	Style and Editing	
ENGL 2730	Digital Writing	
ENGL 2740	Writing and Community Engagement	
ENGL 2760	Writing in Global Contexts	
ENGL 2770	Writing to Heal	
ENGL 2850	Writing for Social Media: Theory and Practice	
ENGL 3375	Writing Boston	
ENGL 3376	Creative Nonfiction	
ENGL 3377	Poetry Workshop	
ENGL 3378	Fiction Workshop	
ENGL 3380	Writing Seminar	
ENGL 3384	The Writer's Marketplace	

English Electives

Complete any two ENGL courses that have not already been used to fulfill another requirement.		8
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Capstone

Code	Title	Hours
English Capstone Requirement		
ENGL 4710	Capstone Seminar	4

Communication Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Communication Studies Common Requirements		
COMM 1101	Introduction to Communication Studies	4
COMM 1112	Public Speaking	4
or COMM 2301	Communication Research Methods	

Foundation Course

Complete one of the following:		4
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COMM 1210	Persuasion and Rhetoric	
COMM 1225	Communication Theory	
COMM 1231	Principles of Organizational Communication	
COMM 1255	Communication in a Digital Age	

Cluster Course

Complete one of the following:		4
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COMM 1131	Sex, Relationships, and Communication	
COMM 2303	Global and Intercultural Communication	
COMM 2304	Communication and Gender	
COMM 2501	Communication Law	
COMM 2551	Free Speech in Cyberspace	

Writing-Intensive Courses

Complete two of the following:		8
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COMM 3200	Mobile Communication	
COMM 3201	Health Communication	
COMM 3230	Interpersonal Communication	
COMM 3304	Communication and Inclusion	
COMM 3320	Political Communication	
COMM 3415	Communication Criticism	
COMM 3445	Public Relations Principles	
COMM 3500	Environmental Issues, Communication, and the Media	
COMM 3501	Free Speech: Law and Practice	

COMM 3530	Communication and Sexualities
COMM 3532	Theories of Conflict and Negotiation
COMM 4535	Nonverbal Social Interaction
COMM 4605	Youth and Communication Technology
COMM 4631	Crisis Communication and Image Management

Communication Studies Electives

Complete three additional COMM courses. 12

Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Integrative English Course		
Complete one of the following: 4		
ENGL 3325	Rhetoric of Law	
ENGL 3340	Technologies of Text	
ENGL 3381	The Practice and Theory of Teaching Writing	
Integrative Communication Studies Course		
COMM 3415 or COMM 4602	Communication Criticism Contemporary Rhetorical Theory	4

Communication Studies Grade Requirements

No more than two grades below a C in communication studies courses may be used to satisfy degree requirements.

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study

Sample Four Years, Two Co-ops

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
COMM 1101		4 ENGL 1160 or 1410		4 Communication Studies cluster course		4 Foreign Language	4	
COMM 1112 or 2301		4 Communication Studies foundational course		4 Communication Studies elective		4 Communication Studies elective	4	
ENGL 1000 or COMM 1000	1	English diversity course		4				
ENGL 1400	4	English Pre-1850 elective		4				
Elective	4							
		17			16			8
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
EEAM 2000		1 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Communication Studies writing-intensive	4	
English Post-1850 elective	4					Communication Studies elective	4	
English Theories and Methods course	4							
Foreign Language	4							
Elective	4							
		17			0			8
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
Communication Studies writing-intensive		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Elective	4	
English Writing elective	4					Elective	4	
ENGL 3710	4							

Foreign Language	4				
	16		0		0
Year 4					
Fall	Hours	Spring		Hours	
English elective	4	English capstone		4	
English elective	4	Integrative COMM Course		4	
Integrative ENGL course	4	Elective		4	
Elective	4	Elective		4	
	16			16	

Total Hours: 130