

English and Cultural Anthropology, BA

The Department of English and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology offer an interdisciplinary combined major in English and cultural anthropology. Broadly speaking, students in the combined major in English and cultural anthropology at Northeastern integrate the study of literature, language, and writing with the study of human culture and its intersections with structures of inequality (e.g., race, class, and gender) and contemporary global issues.

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

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

Cultural Anthropology Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Foundation Courses		
ANTH 1101	Peoples and Cultures	4
ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture	4
ANTH 3410	Ethnographic Field Experience	4
ANTH 3421	Foundations of Anthropological Theory	4

Area Courses

Additional "area courses" taken may count as anthropology electives.

Complete two of the following: 8

ANTH 4350	Ethnography of Southeast Asia	
ANTH 4500	Latin American Society and Development	
ANTH 4510	Anthropology of Africa	
ANTH 4515	Culture and Politics in Modern India	

Anthropology Electives

Complete three 4-semester-hour courses in addition to the above requirements. One study-abroad course may also count toward this requirement with prior permission from the department. 12

Capstone Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Capstone Requirements 8		
ANTH 4600	Senior Seminar	
ENGL 4710	Capstone Seminar	

Integrative Requirements

One integrative course is required for each discipline. Courses taken as electives above may not be used as integrative courses.

English Integrative Course

Complete one of the following: 4

ENGL 2450	Postcolonial Literature	
ENGL 2620	What Is Nature?	
ENGL 2690	Boston in Literature	

Cultural Anthropology Integrative Courses

Complete one of the following:

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ANTH 3421	Foundations of Anthropological Theory
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Cultural Anthropology Major Grade Requirement

A GPA of 2.000 for major courses is required.

English and Cultural Anthropology Combined Major Credit Requirement

Complete 92 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

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
ENGL 1000		1 ENGL 1160		4 Elective		4 Elective		4
ENGL 1400	4	ENGW 1111		4 Elective		4 Elective		4
English elective	4	ANTH 3410		4				
ANTH 1101	4	Anthropology elective		4				
ANTH 2305	4							
	17		16			8		8
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
Pre-1850 period course	4	Co-op		0 Co-op		0 English Diversity course		4
Area Course	4					Writing course		4
Anthropology elective	4							
Theories & Methods course	4							
	16		0			0		8
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
ANTH 3421	4	Co-op		0 Co-op		0 English elective		4
ENGL 3710	4					Advanced Writing in the Disciplines		4
Area course	4							
Elective	4							
	16		0			0		8
Year 4								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours					
ENGL Integrative course	4	ENGL 4710	4					
Post-1850 period course	4	Anthropology elective	4					
ANTH 4600	4	Elective	4					
Elective	4	Elective	4					
	16		16					

Total Hours: 129