

History and Political Science, BA

The Department of History and the Department of Political Science offer an interdisciplinary combined major in history and political science. Students interested in the combined major integrate the study of political systems and theories with the study and analysis of human history.

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/>).

History Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
History Colloquium		
HIST 1200	Historical Research and Writing	1
HIST 1201	First-Year Seminar	4
History Seminar and Historical Writing		
HIST 2301	The History Seminar	4
HIST 2302	Historical Writing	1
Pre-1800 History Elective		
Complete one of the following:		
HIST 1100	Law and History	
HIST 1185	Introduction to Middle Eastern History	
HIST 1187	Introduction to Latin American History	
HIST 1218	Pirates, Planters, and Patriots: Making the Americas, 1492–1804	
HIST 1252	Japanese Literature and Culture	
HIST 1272	Europe in the Middle Ages, 500–1500	
HIST 1389	History of Espionage 1: Antiquity to World War II	
HIST 2330	Colonial and Revolutionary America	
HIST 2370	Renaissance to Enlightenment	
HIST 2375	The Tudors, the Stuarts, and the Birth of Modern Britain	
HIST 2390	Africa and the World in Early Times	
HIST 3334	Assassinations in World History	

History Electives

Complete two HIST courses at any level in any field. 8

Introductory Level Elective

Complete one course from HIST 1000 levels (excluding HIST 1200 and HIST 1201).	4
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Intermediate/Advanced History Elective

Complete minimum of one HIST course numbered 2000 or above (excluding HIST 2301 and HIST 2302).	4
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Advanced History Elective

Complete minimum of one HIST course numbered 3000 to 4999 (excluding HIST 4701).	4
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Political Science Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
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Political Science Foundation Courses

POLS 1150	American Government	4
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POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	4
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POLS 1160	International Relations	4
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POLS 2399	Research Methods in Political Science	4
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POLS 2400	Quantitative Techniques	4
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Political Thought

Complete one of the following:	4
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POLS 2325	Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought	
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POLS 2328	Modern Political Thought	
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POLS 2330	American Political Thought	
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POLS 2332	Contemporary Political Thought	
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Political Science Electives

Complete three POLS courses numbered 2000 or above.	12
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Note: Elective courses may also fulfill requirements of an optional concentration of this program.

Political Science Concentrations (Optional)

If you are working toward one of the following concentrations, declare it with your advisor so that it may be added to your record. Requirements for the concentrations are listed below (p. 3).

- American Political Institutions (p. 3)
- Campaigns and Elections (p. 3)
- Comparative Politics (p. 3)
- Identity, Culture, and Politics (p. 4)
- International Relations and Diplomacy (p. 4)
- Law and Legal Studies (p. 4)
- Public Policy (p. 4)
- Security Studies (p. 5)

Supporting Courses

Code	Title	Hours
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Complete one of the following:	4
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MATH 1213	Interactive Mathematics	
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MATH 1215	Mathematical Thinking	
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MATH 1231	Calculus for Business and Economics	
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MATH 1241	Calculus 1	
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Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
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Integrative Course

Complete one of the following:	4
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HIST 1130	Introduction to the History of the United States	
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HIST 2211	The World Since 1945	
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HIST 2282	The Holocaust and Comparative Genocide	
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Capstone

Complete one of the following.	4
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HIST 4701	Capstone Seminar	
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POLS 4701 Political Science Senior Capstone

POLS 4703 Senior Thesis

History and Political Science Major Credit Requirement

Complete 78 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 Requirements

128 total semester hours required

Concentrations

CONCENTRATION IN AMERICAN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

Code	Title	Hours
Complete four of the following:		16
POLS 2350	State and Local Politics	
POLS 3300	The U.S. Congress	
POLS 3302	Judicial Process and Behavior	
POLS 3307	Public Policy and Administration	
POLS 3310	Public Opinion, Voting, and Elections	
POLS 3160	Campaign Strategy	

CONCENTRATION IN CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
POLS 3160	Campaign Strategy	4
POLS 3302	Judicial Process and Behavior	4
Campaigns and Elections Electives		
Complete two of the following:		8
POLS 2345	Urban Policies and Politics	
POLS 2350	State and Local Politics	
POLS 3162		
POLS 3310	Public Opinion, Voting, and Elections	
POLS 3320	Politics and Mass Media	

CONCENTRATION IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS

Code	Title	Hours
Theoretical Requirement		
Complete two of the following:		8
POLS 2282	The Holocaust and Comparative Genocide	
POLS 2356	Democratic Erosion	
POLS 2359	Immigration Politics	
POLS 2370	Religion and Politics	
POLS 3418	Nationalism	
POLS 3430	Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection	
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations	
Regional Requirements		
Complete one of the following:		4
POLS 3435	Politics and Governance of Europe and the European Union	
POLS 3465	Government and Politics in the Middle East	
Experiential/Practicum Requirement		

Complete one of the following:

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POLS 4915	Model Arab League
POLS 4918	Model NATO
POLS 4937	Dialogue of Civilizations: Government and Politics Abroad

CONCENTRATION IN IDENTITY, CULTURE, AND POLITICS

Code	Title	Hours
Core Course		
POLS 3418	Nationalism	4

Electives

Complete three of the following:

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POLS 2359	Immigration Politics
POLS 2368	Music and Politics in America and Abroad
POLS 2370	Religion and Politics
POLS 3309	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues in Public Policy
POLS 3324	Law and Society

CONCENTRATION IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY

Code	Title	Hours
Experiential/Practicum Requirement		

Complete one of the following:

4

POLS 4910	Model United Nations
POLS 4915	Model Arab League
POLS 4938	Dialogue of Civilizations: International Politics Abroad

Core Courses

Complete three of the following:

12

POLS 3405	International Political Economy
POLS 3406	International Law
POLS 3435	Politics and Governance of Europe and the European Union
POLS 5408	International Security

CONCENTRATION IN LAW AND LEGAL STUDIES

Code	Title	Hours
Complete four of the following:		

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POLS 2330	American Political Thought
POLS 3300	The U.S. Congress
POLS 3302	Judicial Process and Behavior
POLS 3323	Race, Inequality, and the Law
POLS 3324	Law and Society
POLS 3406	International Law
POLS 3409	Global Governance
POLS 4500	U.S. Constitutional Law
POLS 4505	U.S. Civil Liberties

CONCENTRATION IN PUBLIC POLICY

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirement		

POLS 3307	Public Policy and Administration	4
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Electives

Complete three of the following:

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POLS 2345	Urban Policies and Politics
POLS 2350	State and Local Politics
POLS 2390	Science, Technology, and Public Policy

POLS 2395	Environmental Politics and Policy
POLS 3425	U.S. Foreign Policy

CONCENTRATION IN SECURITY STUDIES

Code	Title	Hours
Complete four of the following: 16		
POLS 3420	U.S. National Security Policy	
POLS 3423	Terrorism and Counterterrorism	
POLS 3425	U.S. Foreign Policy	
POLS 3430	Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection	
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations	
POLS 5408	International Security	

Plan of Study

Sample Plan of Study: Four Years, Two Co-ops

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGW 1111		4 HIST 1200		1 Elective		4 Elective	4
POLS 1150		4 HIST 1201		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
POLS 1155		4 POLS 1160		4			
HIST elective 1		4 POLS Supporting course		4			
		HIST elective 2		4			
		16			17	8	
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
POLS 2399		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 HIST elective 4	4
POLS Thought		4				Foreign Language	4
HIST elective 3		4					
Foreign Language		4					
		16			0	0	
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
HIST 2301		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Advanced Writing	4
HIST 2302		1				HIST elective 5	4
POLS 2400		4					
PHIL 5001		4					
POLS elective		4					
		17			0	0	
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Integrative course		4 HIST or POLS capstone		4			
HIST elective 6		4 Elective		4			
POLS elective		4 Elective		4			
POLS elective		4 Elective		4			
		16			16		

Total Hours: 130