

Human Services and Sociology, BA

Overview

Students pursuing a combined major in human services and sociology will integrate the theoretical understandings of these two fields to better understand organizational and group behavior and their implications for individuals and communities utilizing human services. The human services coursework prepares students for careers in social change by providing students with the theoretical and skill-based background necessary for practice and research. The sociology coursework prepares students to rigorously analyze the social, political, and economic spheres of society at the local and global levels. Students will develop a holistic understanding of preventative and reactive responses to social inequality and an understanding of how to impact change at the individual and structural levels. The combined major provides students with the conceptual and practical tools to understand how various features of society affect its members as well as how people create social change.

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.

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/>).

Human Services Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Human Services Courses		
HUSV 1101	Social Change and Human Services	4
HUSV 2300	Counseling in Human Services	4
HUSV 3570	The Nonprofit Sector, Philanthropy, and Social Change	4
HUSV 3900	Social Policy	4
HUSV 4994	Human Services Internship	6
Research Methods		
Complete Option A or Option B:		4-8
<i>Option A</i>		
Complete the following and one additional SOCL course:		
HUSV 2970	Research Methods for Human Services	
<i>Option B</i>		
Complete the following and one additional HUSV course:		
SOCL 2321	Research Methods in Sociology	
Human Services Elective		
Complete three additional HUSV courses.		12
Senior Capstone ¹		
HUSV 4700	Senior Seminar in Human Services	4

¹ With permission of human services, the student may complete sociology capstone Senior Seminar (SOCL 4600) and substitute one advanced human services elective for Senior Seminar in Human Services (HUSV 4700).

Sociology Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Sociology Courses		
SOCL 1101	Introduction to Sociology	4
SOCL 2320	Statistical Analysis in Sociology	4
SOCL 3300	Social Theory	4
Introductory Electives		
Complete two electives between SOCL 1200 and SOCL 1999.		8
Intermediate-Level Elective		
Complete two courses between SOCL 2000 and SOCL 3990.		8
Advanced-Level Elective		
Complete one course above SOCL 4000.		4
Senior Seminar²		
SOCL 4600	Senior Seminar	4

² With permission of the sociology head advisor, the student may complete human services capstone Senior Seminar in Human Services (HUSV 4700) and substitute one advanced sociology elective for Senior Seminar (SOCL 4600).

Human Services/Sociology Integrative Course

Code	Title	Hours
HUSV 2355	Race, Identity, Social Change, and Empowerment	4

Sociology Major Grade Requirement

A GPA of 2.000 for major courses is required.

Human Services and Sociology Combined Major Credit Requirement

Complete a minimum of 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 Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study**Sample Plan of Study: Four Years, 2 Co-ops**

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
ENGW 1111		4 HUSV 2300		4 Elective		4 SOCL 2320	4	
HUSV 1000 or SOCL 1000	1	MATH 1215		4 Elective		4 Elective	4	
HUSV 1101	4	Elective		4				
SOCL 1101	4	Elective		4				
SOCL Intro Elective	4							
		17			16			8
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
HUSV 3570		4 EESH 2000		1 SOCL Intermediate-Level Elective		4 Co-op	0	
SOCL 3300	4	SOCL Intro Elective		4 Elective		4		
Elective	4	Elective		4				
Elective	4	Elective		4				
		Elective		4				
		16			17			8
								0

Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
Co-op	0	HUSV 2355		4	ENGW 3315	4	Co-op	0
		HUSV 4994		6	Elective	4		
		Research Methods Requirement		4				
		SOCL Intermediate-Level Elective		4				
	0			18		8		0
Year 4								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours					
Co-op	0	HUSV 3900		4				
		HUSV 4700		4				
		SOCL 4600		4				
		SOCL Advanced Elective		4				
	0			16				

Total Hours: 132