

Political Science and Business Administration, BS

The combined major in political science and business administration offers students the opportunity to integrate the study of politics and government with an analysis of business practices and organizations. Students complete core courses in political science along with core courses in business administration that cover accounting, finance, marketing, and organizational behavior. This combined major highlights the important intersection between business practices and the evolution of politics and government.

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/>).

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

Political Science Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to College		
POLS 1000 or BUSN 1102	Political Science at Northeastern Personal Skill Development for Business	1
Political Science Requirements		
POLS 1150	American Government	4
POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	4
POLS 1160	International Relations	4
Political Theory		
Complete one of the following:		4
POLS 2325	Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought	
POLS 2328	Modern Political Thought	
POLS 2330	American Political Thought	
POLS 2332	Contemporary Political Thought	
Statistics		
POLS 2400 or MGSC 2301	Quantitative Techniques Business Statistics	4
Political Science Electives		
Complete four courses in the following range		16
<i>Note: Elective courses may also fulfill requirements of an optional concentration of this program.</i>		
POLS 2000 to POLS 5999		

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:

- American Political Institutions (p. 3)
- Campaigns and Elections (p. 3)
- Comparative Politics (p. 4)

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- Identity, Culture, and Politics (p. 4)
- International Relations and Diplomacy (p. 4)
- Law and Legal Studies (p. 4)
- Public Policy (p. 5)
- Security Studies (p. 5)

Business Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Accounting		
ACCT 1201	Financial Accounting and Reporting	4
ACCT 2301	Profit Analysis for Managers and Advisors	4
Finance		
FINA 2201	Financial Management	4
Marketing		
MKTG 2201	Introduction to Marketing	4
Organizational Behavior		
ORGB 3201	Organizational Behavior	4

Business Concentration

Complete one of the following business concentrations:

- Accounting (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/accounting/>)
- Accounting and Advisory Services (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/accounting-advisory-services/>)
- Brand Management (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/brand-management/>)
- Business Analytics (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/business-analytics/>)
- Corporate Innovation (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/corporate-innovation/>)
- Entrepreneurial Startups (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/entrepreneurial-startups/>)
- Family Business (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/family-business/>)
- Finance (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/finance/>)
- Fintech (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/fintech/>)
- Healthcare Management and Consulting (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/healthcare-management-consulting/>)
- International Business (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/international-business/>) (available only as a second concentration)
- Management (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/management/>)
- Management Information Systems (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/management-information-systems/>)
- Marketing (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/marketing/>)
- Marketing Analytics (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/marketing-analytics/>)
- Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/social-innovation-entrepreneurship/>)
- Supply Chain Management (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/supply-chain-management/>)

Supporting Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Mathematics		
MATH 1231 or MATH 1341 or MATH 1241 or MATH 1251 or MATH 1340	Calculus for Business and Economics Calculus 1 for Science and Engineering Calculus 1 Calculus and Differential Equations for Biology 1 Intensive Calculus for Engineers	4
Economics		
ECON 1115 or ECON 1116	Principles of Macroeconomics Principles of Microeconomics	4

Computer Science

Complete one of the following:

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CS 1100 and CS 1101	Computer Science and Its Applications and Lab for CS 1100 (Selecting this 5 SH option will add one additional semester hour to your degree program.)	
DS 2000 and DS 2001	Programming with Data and Data Science Programming Practicum	
MISM 2510	Fundamentals of Information Analytics	
Co-op Preparation		
BUSN 1103 or EESH 2000	Professional Development for Business Co-op Professional Development for Co-op	1

Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Senior Capstone		
POLS 4701 or STRT 4501	Political Science Senior Capstone (or POLS 4703 Senior Thesis) Strategy in Action	4

Business Cooperative Education

Complete one cooperative education experience

Political Science GPA Requirement

Minimum 2.000 GPA required in all political science courses

Business GPA Requirement

Minimum 2.000 GPA required in business courses

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Political Science Concentrations (Optional)

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:		4
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:		12
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:		16
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
Electives		
Complete three of the following:		12
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:		
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

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
ACCT 1201		4 ECON 1115 or 1116		4 DD NUpath		4 Open elective		4
ENGW 1111		4 MGSC 2301 or POLS 2400		4 Open elective		4 Open elective		4
MATH 1231		4 POLS 1150		4				
POLS 1000 or BUSN 1102		1 POLS 1160		4				
POLS 1155		4						
		17			16			8
8								
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
BUSN 1103 or EESH 2000		1 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 ACCT 2301		4
MKTG 2201		4				FINA 2201		4
Computer Science Requirement		4-5						
POLS thought		4						
POLS elective		4						
		17-18			0			0
8								
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
ORGB 3201		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 POLS elective		4
POLS elective		4				ND NUpath		4
POLS elective		4						

Concentration class 1	4				
	16		0		0
Year 4					
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours		
ENGW 3304, 3315, or 3307	4	POLS 4701 or STRT 4501	4		
Concentration class 2	4	Concentration class 4	4		
Concentration class 3	4	IC NUpath	4		
EI NUpath	4	ER NUpath	4		
	16		16		

Total Hours: 130-131