

Political Science and Economics, BA

The combined major in political science and economics offers students the opportunity to integrate the study of politics and government with the study of economics. Students complete the core courses in political science along with core courses in economics that cover both macroeconomic and microeconomic perspectives. This combined major highlights the important role that the economy plays in shaping politics and government.

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/>).

Political Science Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
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	
Political Science Electives		
Complete four courses POLS 2000 to POLS 5999		16

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.

- 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)

Economics Requirements for BA

Code	Title	Hours
Breadth Courses		
	<i>Calculus</i>	

It is recommended that MATH 1241 or higher is chosen.

MATH 1231 or MATH 1241 or MATH 1245 or MATH 1251 or MATH 1340 or MATH 1341	Calculus for Business and Economics Calculus 1 Calculus with Applications Calculus and Differential Equations for Biology 1 Intensive Calculus for Engineers Calculus 1 for Science and Engineering	4
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Computer Science

Complete one of the following:		4-5
CS 1100 and CS 1101	Computer Science and Its Applications and Lab for CS 1100	
DS 2000 and DS 2001	Programming with Data and Data Science Programming Practicum	
MISM 2510	Fundamentals of Information Analytics	

Required Economics Courses

ECON 1115	Principles of Macroeconomics	4
ECON 1116	Principles of Microeconomics	4
ECON 2315	Macroeconomic Theory	4
ECON 2316	Microeconomic Theory	4
ECON 3520	History of Economic Thought	4

Economics Electives

Complete 3 Economics elective courses that are found in the following ranges, with no more than 1 in the ECON 1200 to ECON 1999 range. Additionally, ECON 3520 may not be used as an Economics elective: 12

ECON 1200 to ECON 1999

ECON 2990 to ECON 4689

ECON 4900 to ECON 4996

ECON 5200 to ECON 5999

Supporting Courses

Complete either of the statistics and departmental elective combinations listed below:

COMBINATION A

Code	Title	Hours
Statistics		
POLS 2400	Quantitative Techniques	4

Economics

Complete one course within the following ranges, excluding ECON 3520. This course may not also be used as an Economics elective. 4

ECON 1200 to ECON 1999

ECON 2990 to ECON 4689

ECON 4900 to ECON 4996

ECON 5200 to ECON 5999

COMBINATION B

Code	Title	Hours
Statistics		
ECON 2350	Statistics for Economists	4

Political Science

Complete one course in the following range: 4

POLS 2401 to POLS 5999

Integrative Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Senior Seminar/Capstone		
Complete one of the following:		4

ECON 4692 Senior Economics Seminar

ECON 4997 Senior Economics Thesis

POLS 4701	Political Science Senior Capstone
POLS 4703	Senior Thesis

Combined Major GPA/Credit Requirement

Grades in the following required Economics courses and in Quantitative Techniques (POLS 2400) or Statistics for Economists (ECON 2350) must average to a minimum of C (2.000):

Code	Title	Hours
ECON 2315	Macroeconomic Theory	
ECON 2316	Microeconomic Theory	
ECON 2350	Statistics for Economists	
or POLS 2400	Quantitative Techniques	

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

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	Local Campaigns and Elections	
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	
or AFAM 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 2340	Business and Government
POLS 2345	Urban Policies and Politics
POLS 2350	State and Local Politics
POLS 2357	Growth and Decline of Cities and Suburbs
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 in Summer 2/Fall

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ECON 1115		4 CS 1100, DS 2000 <i>and</i> DS 2001, or MISM 2510		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
ENGW 1111		4 ECON 1116		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
POLS 1155		4 MATH 1231, 1241, 1245, 1251, 1340, or 1341		4			
Elective		4 POLS 1150		4			
		16		16		8	8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ECON 2315		4 ECON 2316		4 Political Theory Course		4 Co-op	0
POLS 1160		4 POLS 2400 or ECON 2350		4 Elective		4	
ECON elective 1		4 POLS elective		4			
POLS elective		4 Elective		4			
		16		16		8	0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		ECON 3520		4 ENGW 3315		4 Co-op	0
		ECON elective 2		4 ECON elective 3		4	
		POLS elective		4			
		Elective		4			
		0		16		8	0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Co-op		POLS 4701, 4703, ECON 4692, or ECON 4997	4				
		ECON or POLS elective (See Supporting Courses, Combinations A and B.)	4				
		Elective	4				

Elective	4
0	16

Total Hours: 128