

# Political Science and Human Services, BS

The combined degree seeks to prepare students with skills and tools to advocate for social issues at all levels of society. Human services program students are well positioned to pursue fields in the social change arena (nongovernment organizations, or NGOs; counseling; and political advocacy). Political science students are also well positioned to change and shape the domestic and international political landscape in American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and public policy. Students engage in an integrated educational program that emphasizes experiential approaches to learning through service-learning, co-op, internship, and study-abroad opportunities. Upon completion of the degree, students can apply professional skills in counseling roles, nonprofit management, political advocacy, or organizational and community development. Successful students are poised to pursue law school, graduate school, careers in government and the nonprofit sector, as well as in teaching, journalism, legislative or lobbying positions, public relations activities, and work in international corporations and NGOs.

## 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/>).

## 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
<b>Core Courses in Political Science</b>		
POLS 1150	American Government	4
POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	4
POLS 1160	International Relations	4
POLS 2400	Quantitative Techniques	4
<b>Political Thought</b>		
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	
<b>Political Science Electives</b>		
Complete three courses in the following range:		12
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. 3)
- Identity, Culture, and Politics (p. 3)
- International Relations and Diplomacy (p. 4)
- Law and Legal Studies (p. 4)
- Public Policy (p. 4)
- Security Studies (p. 4)

## Supporting Course for Political Science

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Mathematics</b>		
Complete one of the following to fulfill the prerequisite for POLS 2400:		4
MATH 1213	Interactive Mathematics	

MATH 1215	Mathematical Thinking
MATH 1231	Calculus for Business and Economics
MATH 1241	Calculus 1

### Human Services Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
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 4994	Human Services Internship	6
<b>Human Services and Diverse Populations</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4
HUSV 2355	Race, Identity, Social Change, and Empowerment	
HUSV 2800	Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression	
HUSV 2960	Intercultural Studies through Human Services	
<b>Human Services Electives</b>		
Complete three HUSV courses.		12

### Integrative Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Integrative Courses</b>		
POLS 3307	Public Policy and Administration	4
HUSV 3900	Social Policy	4
<b>Research Methods</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4
POLS 2399	Research Methods in Political Science	
HUSV 2970	Research Methods for Human Services	
<b>Capstone and Elective</b>		
Complete one of the following options:		8
<i>Option A</i>		
Complete POLS 4701 or POLS 4703 and complete one additional human services course that has not been used in previous requirements:		
POLS 4701 or POLS 4703	Political Science Senior Capstone Senior Thesis	
HUSV 1100 to HUSV 5999		
<i>Option B</i>		
Complete HUSV 4700 and complete one additional political science course numbered 2000 or higher that has not been used in previous requirements:		
HUSV 4700	Senior Seminar in Human Services	
POLS 2000 to POLS 5999		

### Political Science and Human Services Combined Major Credit Requirement

Complete 86 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

**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
<b>Required Courses</b>		
POLS 3160	Campaign Strategy	4
POLS 3302	Judicial Process and Behavior	4
<b>Campaigns and Elections Electives</b>		
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
<b>Theoretical Requirement</b>		
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	
<b>Regional Requirements</b>		
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	
<b>Experiential/Practicum Requirement</b>		
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
<b>Core Course</b>		
POLS 3418	Nationalism	4
<b>Electives</b>		
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
<b>Experiential/Practicum Requirement</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4
POLS 4910	Model United Nations	
POLS 4915	Model Arab League	
POLS 4938	Dialogue of Civilizations: International Politics Abroad	
<b>Core Courses</b>		
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
<b>Core Requirement</b>		
POLS 3307	Public Policy and Administration	4
<b>Electives</b>		
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

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours					
HUSV 1000 or POLS 1000		1 POLS 1150	4					
POLS 1155		4 POLS 1160	4					
ENGW 1111		4 HUSV 2300	4					
HUSV 1101		4 HUSV elective	4					
Elective		4						
			<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>				
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
EESH 2000		1 Co-op		Co-op		POLS 2400 supporting course	4	
POLS thought		4				HUSV elective	4	
HUSV diverse population course		4						
HUSV 3570		4						
Research methods course		4						
			<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>8</b>
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
POLS elective		4 Co-op		Co-op		POLS elective	4	
POLS 2400		4				HUSV elective	4	
POLS 3307		4						
HUSV 3900		4						
			<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>8</b>
Year 4								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours					
POLS elective		4 Elective	4					
Capstone and elective		8 Elective	4					
HUSV 4700 and one POLS course (Option A) or POLS 4701 (or POLS 4703) and one HUSV course (Option B)		Elective	4					
Elective		4 Elective	4					
			<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>				
Year 5								
Fall	Hours							
HUSV 4994		6						
Elective		4						
Elective		4						
		<b>14</b>						

**Total Hours: 128**