

Sociology and Political Science, BA

The combined major in sociology and political science offers students the opportunity to integrate the study of politics and government with an analysis of social systems. Students complete core courses in political science along with core courses in sociology that include social theory and an introduction to social systems. This combined major highlights the important intersection between social norms and organizations with 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/>).

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/>).

Sociology Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Sociology Required Courses		
SOCL 1101	Introduction to Sociology	4
SOCL 2270	Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality	4
SOCL 3300	Social Theory	4
SOCL 3468	Social Movements	4
Sociology Introductory Electives		
Complete three courses in the following range not used to satisfy other requirements:		12
SOCL 1200 to SOCL 1999		
Sociology Intermediate Elective		
Complete one course in the following range not used to satisfy other requirements:		4
SOCL 2000 to SOCL 3999		
Sociology Advanced Elective		
Complete one course in the following range not used to satisfy other requirements:		4
SOCL 4000 to SOCL 5999		
Statistics and Methods		
Complete one of the following sets:		8
INSH 3101 and INSH 3102	Research Methods in the Social Sciences and Introduction to Statistics in the Social Sciences	
POLS 2400 and POLS 2399	Quantitative Techniques and Research Methods in Political Science	

SOCL 2320 Statistical Analysis in Sociology
and SOCL 2321 and Research Methods in Sociology

Political Science Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Political Science Required Courses		
POLS 1150	American Government	4
POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	4
POLS 1160	International Relations	4
Political Thought		
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		
Note: You may use four courses from the elective area to fulfill a concentration		
Complete six courses in the following range:		24
POLS 2000 to POLS 5999		

Political Science Concentrations (Optional)

If you are working toward one of the following concentrations, declare it with your adviser 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. 4)
- International Relations and Diplomacy (p. 4)
- Law and Legal Studies (p. 4)
- Public Policy (p. 4)
- Security Studies (p. 5)

Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Choose one SOCL and one POLS class from the following list, not used to satisfy other requirements:		
POLS 2345	Urban Policies and Politics	8
POLS 3320	Politics and Mass Media	
POLS 3324	Law and Society	
POLS 3418	Nationalism	
SOCL 3407	The Immigrant Experience: Ethnicity, Race, and Inequality in America	
SOCL 3450	Class, Power, and Social Change	
SOCL 3468	Social Movements	

Capstone

Complete one of the following, not used to satisfy other requirements:		4
POLS 4701	Political Science Senior Capstone	
POLS 4703	Senior Thesis	
SOCL 4600	Senior Seminar	

Sociology Major Grade Requirement

A GPA of 2.000 for major courses is required.

Sociology and Political Science Major Credit Requirement

92 semester hours required 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
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	4
POLS 3423	Terrorism and Counterterrorism	4
POLS 3425	U.S. Foreign Policy	4
POLS 3430	Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection	4
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations	4
POLS 5408	International Security	4

Plan of Study**Sample Plan of Study: 4 years - 2 Co-ops**

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
ENGW 1111		4 POLS 1160		4 SOCL Introductory Elective		4 SOCL Introductory Elective	4	
POLS 1150		4 SOCL Introductory Elective		4 Elective		4 Elective	4	
POLS 1155		4 SOCL/POLS Statistics		4				
SOCL 1000		1 SOCL/POLS Methods		4				
SOCL 1101		4						
		17			16			8
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
SOCL 3300		4 POLS Elective		4 POLS Elective		4 Co-Op 1	0	
POLS: Thought		4 POLS Elective		4 Elective		4		
POLS Elective		4 POLS Elective		4				
SOCL Intermediate Elective		4 SOCL Advanced Elective		4				
		16			16			8
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
Co-Op 1		0 ENGW 3308		4 Elective		4 Co-Op 2	0	
		SOCL 3468		4 Elective		4		
		POLS Integrated Course 1		4				
		Elective		4				
		0			16			8
Year 4								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours					
Co-Op 2		0 SOCL 3270		4				
		SOCL 3450		4				
		POLS Integrated Course 2		4				
		Capstone		4				
		0			16			

Total Hours: 129