

Environmental Studies and Political Science, BA

In this combined major, students develop an awareness of the scientific, cultural, societal, and political aspects of the world's environmental problems through the lens of geopolitical decisions, public policy, and environmental regulations. Due to overlap in course content, students majoring in Environmental Studies or any Environmental Studies combined majors may not complete a minor in Environmental and Sustainability Sciences.

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/>).

Environmental Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introductory Courses		
<i>Introductory Science</i>		
Choose one of the following:		4-5
ENVR 1101	Environmental Science	
ENVR 1200 and ENVR 1201	Dynamic Earth and Lab for ENVR 1200	
ENVR 1400 and ENVR 1401	Foundations in Environmental and Sustainability Sciences and Lab for ENVR 1400	
<i>Introductory Social Science</i>		
Choose one of the following:		4
ANTH 1101	Peoples and Cultures	
ENVR 2401	Food Justice and Community Development	
PHIL 1180	Environmental Ethics	
SOCL 1246	Environment and Society	
Scientific Foundations of Environmental Systems		
Choose one of the following:		4
ENVR 1110	Global Climate Change	
ENVR 3150	Food Security and Sustainability	
ENVR 3200	Water Resources	
Human Foundations of Environmental Systems		
Choose one of the following:		4
ENVR 2515	Sustainable Development	
PHTH 2414	Environmental Health	
SOCL 4522	Environmental Justice	
Skills Course		
ENVR 3300 and ENVR 3301	Geographic Information Systems and Lab for ENVR 3300	5
Electives		
Choose four courses from the list. At least three must be at 3000 level or higher.		16
ARTG 5110	Information Design History	

BUSN 3110	The Consulting Environment
CIVE 5280	Remote Sensing of the Environment
COMM 3500	Environmental Issues, Communication, and the Media
EEMB 3466	Disease Ecology
ENVR 3201	Coastal Sustainability: Ecology and Coupled Human-Natural Systems in Southeast Asia
ENVR 3202	Coastal Sustainability: The Blue Economy of the Gulf of Maine
ENVR 3701	Energy in the Desert Ecosystem
ENVR 4504	Environmental Pollution
ENVR 5350	Sustainable Energy and Climate Solutions
ENVR 5563	Advanced Spatial Analysis
ENVR 5750	Urban Ecology
ENVR 5800	Climate Adaptation and Nature-Based Solutions
FINA 2720	Sustainability in the Business Environment
JRNL 3650	Science Writing
PHIL 1180	Environmental Ethics
PHTH 1270	Introduction to Global Health
PHTH 4202	Principles of Epidemiology in Medicine and Public Health
PPUA 5268	International Environmental Policy
SOCL 2485	Environment, Technology, and Society

Political Science Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Political Science Requirements		
POLS 1150	American Government	4
POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	4
POLS 1160	International Relations	4
POLS 2399	Research Methods in Political Science	4
POLS 2400	Quantitative Techniques	4
Political Thought		
Choose 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		
Choose four POLS Electives 2000 level or above.		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.

- 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 Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Political Science Integrative Course		
Choose one of the following:		4
POLS 2390	Science, Technology, and Public Policy	

POLS 2395	Environmental Politics and Policy	
Environmental Science Integrative Course		
Choose one of the following:		4
ENVR 4504	Environmental Pollution	
ENVR 5210	Environmental Planning	
ENVR 5220	Ecosystem-Based Management	
Capstone Requirement		
Choose one of the following:		1-4
ENVR 4050	Solving Emerging Environmental Challenges through Capstone	
ENVR 4900	Earth and Environmental Science Capstone	
ENVR 4997	Senior Thesis	
POLS 4701	Political Science Senior Capstone	

Environmental Studies and Political Science Combined Major Credit Requirement

Complete 84 semester hours in the major.

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	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
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Core Course

POLS 3418	Nationalism	4
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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
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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
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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
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Core Requirement

POLS 3307	Public Policy and Administration	4
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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**Four Years, Two Co-ops in Summer 2/Fall**

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGW 1111		4 POLS 1155		4 Foreign Language course		4 Elective	4
ENVR 1101		4 Foreign language course		4 ENVR elective 1 of 4		4 Elective	4
POLS 1150		4 ENVR 2515		4			
SOCL 1246		4 ENVR 3150		4			
		16			16	8	8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
POLS 1160		4 POLS 2400		4 Elective		4 Co-op	0
ENVR elective; 2 of 4		4 ENVR elective, 3 of 4		4 Elective		4	
ENVR 3300 and ENVR 3301		5 Political thought course		4			
Foreign language course		4 Foreign language course		4			
		17			16	8	0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		0 ENGW 3315 or 3308		4 Elective		4 Co-op	0
		POLS undergraduate elective		4 POLS elective		4	
		Quantitative methods course		4-5			
		Integrative course #1		4			
		0			16-17	8	0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Co-op		0 Capstone ¹		4			
		Integrative course #2		4			
		POLS undergrad elective		4			
		ENVR elective, 4 of 4		4			
		0			16		

Total Hours: 129-130

¹ Earth and Environmental Science Capstone (ENVR 4900) is also an option to fulfill the capstone requirement of this program. Students who complete 1 SH Earth and Environmental Science Capstone (ENVR 4900) must still complete a minimum of 128 SH to meet degree requirements.