

# Africana Studies and Political Science, BA

The combined major in Africana studies and political science offers students the opportunity to integrate their studies of both disciplines and explore the historical, practical, and theoretical relationships between the two disciplines. In addition to considering the significant points of contention, students explore the ways in which insights from Africana studies can be brought to bear on the disciplinary issues and questions of political science. Within the combined major, students may also choose to concentrate their studies on a range of topics related to political behaviors and institutional developments in the United States, the Americas, Europe, Africa, and across the global African Diaspora.

## 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 (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

## BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA language requirements (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>).

## NUpath Requirements

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

## Africana Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Foundational</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4
AFRS 1101	Introduction to African Studies	
AFAM 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies	
<b>Introductory</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4
AFAM 1104	The African-American Experience through Music	
AFAM 1113	Black Popular Culture	
AFAM 1135	John Coltrane and the History of Jazz in the United States	
AFRS 1185	Gender and Sexuality in the African Diaspora	
AFAM 1225	Gender, Race, and Medicine	
AFRS 1270	Introduction to Global Health	
<b>Humanities</b>		
Complete two of the following:		8
AFAM 2296	Early African-American Literature	
AFRS 2410	Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions	
AFAM 2690	Boston in Literature	
AFRS 3900	Gender and Black World Literatures	
<b>Social Science</b>		
Complete two of the following:		8
AFRS 2307	Africa Today	
AFRS 2465	The Scope and Dynamics of Conflicts in Africa	
AFRS 3424	Epidemiology of Pandemic Diseases and Health Disparities in the African Diaspora	
AFRS 2464	Natural Resources and Sustainable Development	
<b>African American/African Studies Electives</b>		
Complete one AFAM/AFRS course at the 2000 level or above.		4
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## Political Science Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
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
<b>Political Theory</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 POLS courses at the 2000 level and above.		12

## 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)

## Supporting Courses 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	
MATH 1251	Calculus and Differential Equations for Biology 1	
MATH 1341	Calculus 1 for Science and Engineering	

## Integrative Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Integrative Courses</b>		
Complete one course from each discipline.		
<i>Africana/African American Studies</i>		4
AFAM 5001	Special Topics in Race and the Law	
AFRS 3460	Contemporary Government and Politics in Africa	
<i>Political Science</i>		4
POLS 2385	U.S. Health and Welfare Policy	
POLS 3323	Race, Inequality, and the Law	
POLS 3324	Law and Society	
POLS 3418	Nationalism	
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations	
<b>Capstone Requirement</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4

AFAM 4700	Capstone
AFRS 4700	Capstone
POLS 4701	Political Science Senior Capstone
POLS 4703	Senior Thesis

### Major Credit Requirement

Complete 84 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 (<http://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>		
If POLS 4947 was replaced by a co-op or internship, an additional elective must be taken.		
Complete two of the following:		8
POLS 2345	Urban Policies and Politics	
POLS 2350	State and Local Politics	
POLS 2355	Intergovernmental Relations	
POLS 3310	Public Opinion, Voting, and Elections	
POLS 3320	Politics and Mass Media	
POLS 3304	Presidential Nominating Process	

#### CONCENTRATION IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Theoretical Requirement</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4
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 two of the following:		8
POLS 3435	Politics and Governance of Europe and the European Union	
POLS 3465	Government and Politics in the Middle East	
POLS 3470	Arab-Israeli Conflict	
<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 2375	Gender 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 3408	International Security	
POLS 3435	Politics and Governance of Europe and the European Union	
POLS 3470	Arab-Israeli Conflict	

**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 3408 or POLS 5408	International Security International Security	
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 3470	Arab-Israeli Conflict	
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations	

**Plan of Study****Four Years, Two Co-ops in Summer 2/Fall**

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
Africana foundational course		4 POLS supporting course		4 Foreign language course		4 Elective		4
Africana introductory course		4 POLS 1160		4 Africana social science course		4 Elective		4
POLS 1150		4 POLS 1155		4				
CLTR 1000 or POLS 1000		1 Foreign language course		4				
ENGW 1111		4						
	17		16			8		8
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
Africana humanities course		4 Africana social science course		4 POLS 2399		4 Co-op		0
Africana elective above 2000 level		4 Africana humanities course		4 Elective		4		
POLS 2400		4 POLS political thought course		4				
Foreign language course		4 POLS elective		4				
	16		16			8		0
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
Co-op		0 Africana elective above 3000 level		4 Elective		4 Co-op		
		Integrative course		4 Advanced Writing in the Disciplines		4		
		PSYC 1101 (ND NUpath)		4				
		POLS elective		4				
	0		16			8		0
Year 4								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours					
Co-op		0 Integrative course		4				
		POLS elective		4				
		Capstone		4				

	POLS elective	4
	0	16

Total Hours: 129