

Political Science and Business Administration, BS

The combined major in political science and business administration offers students the opportunity to integrate the study of politics and government with an analysis of business practices and organizations. Students complete core courses in political science along with core courses in business administration that cover accounting, finance, marketing, and organizational behavior. This combined major highlights the important intersection between business practices and the evolution of 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 (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

NUpath Requirements

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

Political Science Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to College		
POLS 1000 or BUSN 1102	Political Science at Northeastern Personal Skill Development for Business	1
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 2330	American Political Thought	
POLS 2325	Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought	
POLS 2328	Modern Political Thought	
POLS 2332	Contemporary Political Thought	
Statistics		
POLS 2400 or MGSC 2301	Quantitative Techniques Business Statistics	4
Political Science Electives		
Complete four courses in the following range, or complete a political science concentration as outlined below: 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:

- 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)

Business Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Accounting		
ACCT 1201	Financial Accounting and Reporting	4
ACCT 2301	Managerial Accounting	4
Finance		
FINA 2201	Financial Management	4
Marketing		
MKTG 2201	Introduction to Marketing	4
Organizational Behavior		
ORGB 3201	Organizational Behavior	4

Business Concentration

Complete one of the following business concentrations:

- Accounting (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/accounting/>)
- Accounting and Advisory Services (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/accounting-advisory-services/>)
- Brand Management (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/brand-management/>)
- Business Analytics (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/business-analytics/>)
- Corporate Innovation (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/corporate-innovation/>)
- Entrepreneurial Startups (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/entrepreneurial-startups/>)
- Family Business (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/family-business/>)
- Finance (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/finance/>)
- Fintech (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/fintech/>)
- Healthcare Management and Consulting (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/healthcare-management-consulting/>)
- International Business (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/international-business/>) (available only as a second concentration)
- Management (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/management/>)
- Management Information Systems (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/management-information-systems/>)
- Marketing (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/marketing/>)
- Marketing Analytics (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/marketing-analytics/>)
- Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/social-innovation-entrepreneurship/>)
- Supply Chain Management (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/business/concentrations/supply-chain-management/>)

Supporting Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Mathematics		
MATH 1231 or MATH 1341	Calculus for Business and Economics Calculus 1 for Science and Engineering	4
Economics		
ECON 1115 or ECON 1116	Principles of Macroeconomics Principles of Microeconomics	4
Computer Science		
CS 1100	Computer Science and Its Applications	4
CS 1101	Lab for CS 1100	1
Co-op Preparation		
BUSN 1103 or EESH 2000	Professional Development for Business Co-op Professional Development for Co-op	1

Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Senior Capstone		
POLS 4701 or STRT 4501	Political Science Senior Capstone (or POLS 4703 Senior Thesis) Strategy in Action	4

Business Cooperative Education Requirement

Complete one six-month co-op experience.

Political Science GPA Requirement

Minimum 2.000 GPA required in all political science courses

Business GPA Requirement

Minimum 2.000 GPA required in business courses

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Political Science Concentrations (Optional)**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		
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
Theoretical Requirement		
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	

Regional Requirements

Complete two of the following:	8
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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	

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 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
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 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
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 3408 or POLS 5408	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

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
POLS 1000 or BUSN 1102	1	POLS 1150	4	DD NUpath	4	Open elective	4	4
POLS 1155	4	POLS 1160	4	Open elective	4	Open elective	4	4
ENGW 1111	4	MGSC 2301 or POLS 2400	4					
ACCT 1201	4	ECON 1115 or 1116	4					
MATH 1231	4							
	17		16		8			8
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
POLS thought	4	Co-op	4	Co-op	4	FINA 2201	4	4
POLS elective	4					ACCT 2301	4	4
MKTG 2201	4							
CS 1100	4							
CS 1101	1							
BUSN 1103 or EESH 2000	1							
	18		0		0			8
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
POLS elective	4	Co-op	4	Co-op	4	POLS elective	4	4
POLS elective	4					ND NUpath	4	4
ORGB 3201	4							
Concentration class 1	4							
	16		0		0			8
Year 4								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
Concentration class 2	4	POLS 4701 or STRT 4501	4					
ENGW 3304, 3315, or 3307	4	Concentration class 4	4					
Concentration class 3	4	IC NUpath	4					

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Total Hours: 131