

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

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/>).

Sociology Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Sociology Required Courses		
SOCL 1101	Introduction to Sociology	4
SOCL 2268		4
SOCL 3300	Social Theory	4
SOCL 3450	Class, Power, and Social Change	4
Sociology Introductory Electives		
Complete two courses in the following range:		8
SOCL 1200 to SOCL 1999		
Sociology Intermediate Elective		
Complete one course in the following range:		4
SOCL 2000 to SOCL 3999		
Sociology Advanced Elective		
Complete one course in the following range:		4
SOCL 4000 to SOCL 5999		
Statistics and Methods		
Complete one of the following sets:		8
SOCL 2320 and SOCL 2321	Statistical Analysis in Sociology and Research Methods in Sociology	
POLS 2400 and POLS 2399	Quantitative Techniques and Research Methods in Political Science	

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	

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POLS 2330	American Political Thought
POLS 2332	Contemporary Political Thought

Political Science Electives

Complete five courses in the following range:	20
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. 2)
- Campaigns and Elections (p. 2)
- Comparative Politics (p. 3)
- Identity, Culture, and Politics (p. 3)
- International Relations and Diplomacy (p. 3)
- Law and Legal Studies (p. 4)
- Public Policy (p. 4)
- Security Studies (p. 4)

Capstone Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		4
SOCL 4600	Senior Seminar	
POLS 4701	Political Science Senior Capstone	
POLS 4703	Senior Thesis	

Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
SOCL 4514		4
Complete two of the following:		8
POLS 2345	Urban Policies and Politics	
POLS 3320	Politics and Mass Media	
POLS 3324	Law and Society	
POLS 3418	Nationalism	

Sociology Major Grade Requirement

A GPA of 2.000 for major courses is required.

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

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
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
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POLS 3470	Arab-Israeli Conflict
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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	International Security	
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	