

Communication Studies and Sociology, BA (Boston)

The communication studies department and the sociology department offer an interdisciplinary combined major in communication studies and sociology. The combined major integrates the study of communication skills and processes with the study of social behaviors.

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/>).

NUpath requirements Societies and Institutions (SI) and Ethical Reasoning (ER) are met through the major course requirements.

NUpath requirements Natural and Designed World (ND), Creative Expression/Innovation (EI), Interpreting Culture (IC), Formal and Quantitative Reasoning (FQ), Difference and Diversity (DD), and Analyzing and Using Data (AD) may be met through electives in the major.

Communication Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Communication Studies Common Requirements		
COMM 1000	Communication Studies at Northeastern	1
COMM 1101	Introduction to Communication Studies	4
COMM 1112	Public Speaking	4
or COMM 2301	Communication Research Methods	
Foundation Course		
Complete one of the following:		4
COMM 1210	Persuasion and Rhetoric	
COMM 1225	Communication Theory	
COMM 1231	Principles of Organizational Communication	
COMM 1255	Communication in a Digital Age	
Cluster Course		
Complete one of the following:		4
COMM 1131	Sex, Relationships, and Communication	
COMM 2303	Global and Intercultural Communication	
COMM 2304	Communication and Gender	
COMM 2501	Communication Law	
COMM 2551	Free Speech in Cyberspace	
Writing-Intensive Courses		
Complete two of the following:		8
COMM 3200	Mobile Communication	
COMM 3201	Health Communication	
COMM 3230	Interpersonal Communication	
COMM 3304	Communication and Inclusion	
COMM 3320	Political Communication	
COMM 3415	Communication Criticism	
COMM 3445	Public Relations Principles	

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COMM 3500	Environmental Issues, Communication, and the Media
COMM 3501	Free Speech: Law and Practice
COMM 3530	Communication and Sexualities
COMM 3532	Theories of Conflict and Negotiation
COMM 4535	Nonverbal Social Interaction
COMM 4605	Youth and Communication Technology
COMM 4631	Crisis Communication and Image Management

Communication Studies Electives

Complete three COMM courses. 12

Sociology Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Sociology Courses		
SOCL 1101	Introduction to Sociology	4
SOCL 2320	Statistical Analysis in Sociology	4
or INSH 3102	Introduction to Statistics in the Social Sciences	
SOCL 2321	Research Methods in Sociology	4
or INSH 3101	Research Methods in the Social Sciences	
SOCL 3300	Social Theory	4

Introductory Electives

Complete two courses between SOCL 1000 and SOCL 1999 not used to satisfy another requirement. 8

Intermediate-Level Elective

Complete two courses between SOCL 2000 and SOCL 2999 not used to satisfy another requirement. 8

Advanced-Level Elective

Complete one course above SOCL 3000 not used to satisfy another requirement. 4

Capstone and Integrative Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Integrative Course		
Complete one of the following:		4
COMM 3320	Political Communication	
COMM 3532	Theories of Conflict and Negotiation	
SOCL 2270	Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality	
SOCL 2365	Latinx Youthhood in the United States	
SOCL 3407	The Immigrant Experience: Ethnicity, Race, and Inequality in America	
SOCL 3450	Class, Power, and Social Change	

Capstone/Senior Seminar Option

Complete one of the following two options: 8

Option 1:

COMM 4102	Health Communication Campaigns
or COMM 4530	Communication and Quality of Life
or COMM 4625	Online Communities

Complete 4 SH of coursework between SOCL 3000 and SOCL 4999

Option 2:

SOCL 4600	Senior Seminar
or ANTH 4100	Making Anthropology Public

Complete 4 SH of coursework between COMM 3000 and COMM 4999

Communication Studies Grade Requirement

No more than two grades below a C in communication studies courses may be used to fulfill degree requirements.

Sociology Major Grade Requirement

A GPA of 2.000 for major courses is required.

Communication Studies and Sociology Combined Major Credit Requirement

Complete 80 semester hours in the major.

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study

Sample Plan of Study

FOUR YEARS, TWO CO-OPS

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
COMM 1000		1 ENGW 1111		4 Communication Studies cluster course		4 Introductory Sociology elective	4
COMM 1101		4 SOCL 2320 or INSH 3102		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
COMM 1112 or 2301		4 SOCL 2321 or INSH 3101		4			
SOCL 1101		4 Communication Studies foundation course		4			
SOCL 3300		4 EEAM 2000 (For CAMD students)		1			
	17		17			8	8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
EESH 2000 (For CSSH students)		1 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Communication Studies elective	4
Communication Studies elective		4				Communication Studies writing-intensive	4
Introductory Sociology elective		4					
Elective		4					
Elective		4					
	17		0			0	8
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Advanced Writing in the Discipline		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Communication Studies elective	4
Communication Studies writing-intensive		4				Elective	4
Intermediate Sociology elective		4					
Intermediate sociology elective		4					
	16		0			0	8
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Advanced Sociology elective		4 Communication Studies or Sociology capstone		4			
Integrative course		4 Communication Studies or Sociology capstone elective		4			
Elective		4 Elective		4			
Elective		4 Elective		4			
	16		16				

Total Hours: 131