

Media and Screen Studies and Political Science, BA (Boston)

The Media and Screen Studies Program and the Department of Political Science offer a combined major in media and screen studies and political science. The combined major integrates the analysis, research, and production of traditional and emerging media along with courses on American government, comparative politics, international relations, and research methods.

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 Interpreting Culture (IC), Societies and Institutions (SI), Analyzing and Using Data (AD), and Ethical Reasoning (ER) are met through the major course requirements.

NUpath requirements Creative Expression/Innovation (EI) and Difference and Diversity (DD) may be met through electives in the major.

NUpath requirements Natural and Designed World (ND) and Formal and Quantitative Reasoning (FQ) must be met through general electives.

Media Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Media and Screen Studies Common Requirements		
MSCR 1220	Media, Culture, and Society	4
MSCR 1320	Media and Social Change	4
or MSCR 1420	Media History	
Foundation Course		
Complete one of the following:		4
MSCR 1230	Introduction to Film Production	
MSCR 2220	Understanding Media	
Diversity or Globalization Course		
Complete one of the following:		4
MSCR 2325	Global Media	
MSCR 2505	Digital Feminisms	
MSCR 3392	Gender and Film	
MSCR 3437	Media and Identity	
Writing-Intensive		
Complete two of the following:		8
MSCR 2600	Cloud, Closet, (Drop)Box	
MSCR 3330	Documentary Film Ethics	
MSCR 3420	Digital Media Culture	
MSCR 3422	Media Audiences	
MSCR 3600	Film Theory	
MSCR 3700	Queer Media	
MSCR 4208	TV History	

Media and Screen Studies Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete THREE courses that have not been used to satisfy other requirements:		12
Media and Screen Studies courses, from the range MSCR 1200 - MSCR 4999.		
ARTD 2380 and ARTD 2381	Video Basics and Video Tools	
ARTD 3480	Video: Sound and Image	
ARTD 3485	Experimental Video	
COMM 1450	Sound Production for Digital Media	
COMM 2550	Television Field Production	
COMM 2655	Television Studio Production	
COMM 3655	Digital Editing for TV	
COMM 3750	Special Effects and Postproduction for Television	

Political Science Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
POLS 1150	American Government	4
POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	4
POLS 1160	International Relations	4
POLS 2400	Quantitative Techniques	4
Political Thought		
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	
Elective Courses		
<i>Note: Elective courses may also fulfill requirements of an optional concentration of this program.</i>		
Complete four POLS courses or complete a concentration.		16

Political Science Concentration (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. 4)

Integrative Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
MSCR 3437 or COMM 3320	Media and Identity Political Communication	4
POLS 3320	Politics and Mass Media	4

Capstone Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following courses (this course will also fulfill either a MSCR elective or a POLS elective):		4
MSCR 4623	Media and Screen Studies Capstone	

POLS 4701	Political Science Senior Capstone
POLS 4703	Senior Thesis

Media and Screen Studies Grade Requirement

No more than two grades below a C in media and screen studies courses may be used to satisfy degree requirements.

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Concentrations

CONCENTRATION IN AMERICAN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

Code	Title	Hours
Complete four of the following:		16
POLS 3160	Campaign Strategy	
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	

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 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
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 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 3435	Politics and Governance of Europe and the European Union	
POLS 5408	International Security	

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 3324	Law and Society	
POLS 3406	International Law	
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 2345	Urban Policies and Politics	
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

Sample Plan of Study

FOUR YEARS, TWO CO-OPS

Year 1

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
MSCR 1000		1 MSCR 1320 or 1420		4 Foreign language		4 Elective	4
MSCR 1220		4 POLS 1155		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
POLS 1150		4 MSCR foundation		4			
ENGW 1111		4 Foreign language		4			
Foreign language		4 EEAM 2000		1			
	17		17		8		8

Year 2

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
POLS 1160		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Elective	4
POLS 2400		4				Elective	4
MSCR diversity/ globalization		4					
MSCR elective		4					
	16		0		0		8

Year 3

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Political thought elective		4 MSCR writing-intensive		4 Elective		4 Co-op	0
MSCR writing-intensive		4 Politics in media/art elective		4 Elective		4	
MSCR elective		4 MSCR elective		4			
POLS 3320		4 POLS elective		4			
	16		16		8		0

Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Co-op	0	Politics in media/art elective	4
		POLS elective	4
		Elective	4
		MSCR 3437 or COMM 3320	4
	0		16

Total Hours: 130