

Sociology and Cultural Anthropology, BS

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Northeastern University offers a combined major in sociology and cultural anthropology. Students learn the disciplinary histories, practices, and methods of sociology and sociocultural anthropology, identify foundational and contemporary debates within and across these two disciplines, and evaluate their contributions to our understanding of local and global societies and cultures. The combined major offers students various opportunities for community engagement, experiential learning, and for gaining research skills using quantitative and qualitative 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/>).

NUPath Requirements

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

Sociology Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Sociology		
SOCL 1101	Introduction to Sociology	4
SOCL 2321	Research Methods in Sociology	4
SOCL 3300	Social Theory	4
Sociology Electives		
<i>Introductory Electives</i>		
Complete two courses in the following range:		8
SOCL 1110 to SOCL 1999		
<i>Intermediate Elective</i>		
Complete one course in the following range:		4
SOCL 2000 to SOCL 3999		
<i>Advanced Elective</i>		
Complete one course in the following range:		4
SOCL 4000 to SOCL 4999		
Experiential Learning		
Complete one of the following courses, or complete a study abroad or a dialogue of civilizations:		4
COOP 3945	Co-op Work Experience	
SOCL 3487	Applied Sociology: Practice and Theory	
SOCL 4971	Junior/Senior Honors Project 2	

Cultural Anthropology Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Cultural Anthropology Core Courses		
ANTH 1101	Peoples and Cultures	4
ANTH 3410	Ethnographic Field Experience	4
ANTH 3421	Foundations of Anthropological Theory	4
Advanced Area Courses		
Complete two of the following:		8
ANTH 4350	Ethnography of Southeast Asia	
ANTH 4500	Latin American Society and Development	
ANTH 4505	Native North Americans	
ANTH 4510	Anthropology of Africa	
ANTH 4515	Culture and Politics in Modern India	

Anthropology Electives	
Complete four ANTH courses. One study-abroad course may also count toward this requirement with prior permission from the department.	16

Integrative Requirement

Students must choose between a one-semester senior project, which they would complete in the context of Senior Seminar (ANTH 4600) or Senior Seminar (SOCL 4600), or a two-semester senior thesis, which would require them to also enroll in a fall-semester directed study.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Course		
ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture	4
Capstone		
SOCL 4600	Senior Seminar	4
or ANTH 4600	Senior Seminar	

Sociology and Cultural Anthropology Major Grade Requirement

A GPA of 2.000 across all major courses is required.

Sociology and Cultural Anthropology Combined Major Credit Requirement

Complete 76 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 (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/#ela>).

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study

Sample Plan of Study

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ANTH 1101		4 ANTH 3410		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
SOCL 1000		1 SOCL 2321		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
SOCL 1101		4 Anthropology elective		4			
Sociology elective		4 Sociology elective		4			
Writing		4					
		17		16		8	8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Anthropology area course		4 ANTH 2305		4 Anthropology area course		4 Co-op	
Anthropology elective		4 SOCL 3300		4 Elective		4	
Sociology elective		4 Sociology elective		4			
Elective		4 Elective		4			
		16		16		8	0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		ANTH 3421		4 Elective		4 Co-op	
		Anthropology elective		4 Elective		4	
		Sociology elective		4			
		Elective		4			
		0		16		8	0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Co-op		ANTH 4600 or SOCL 4600		4			
		CSSH ELA requirement		4			

Elective	4
Elective	4
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Total Hours: 129