



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Bachelor of Arts

An international affairs degree for fostering global responsibility

The International Affairs major provides students with an understanding of the most relevant and pressing contemporary and historical issues of global importance to prepare you for a range of graduate degrees and career fields. In our Experiential Liberal Arts educational model, a rigorous and interdisciplinary curriculum combined with global learning opportunities will expand your world view and challenge you to find meaningful ways to tackle international challenges. Through coursework, research, study abroad programs, co-ops, and service-learning, this major will position you to succeed in a range of careers including those with NGOs, governments, intergovernmental organizations, public service in diplomacy and businesses.

Engaging across intellectual boundaries

Co-op Opportunities

A network of co-op employers offers a broad range of destinations. Our co-op faculty have developed positions in coordination with Dialogue of Civilizations programs so that students can combine these two experiences in different parts of the world to develop regional depth. Our students participate in co-ops throughout the country or around the world. Past co-op placements include:

- U.S. Department of State
- NATO Defense College (Rome)
- Center for Applied Nonviolent Action and Strategies (Serbia)
- U.S. Commercial Service (Boston, Paris, UK, China, Singapore, London, and Berlin)
- Institute for Economics and Peace (Sydney)
- International Law Institute (Washington, D.C.)
- Foundation for Responsible Robotics (The Netherlands)
- Scottish Parliament
- Merrill Lynch
- Interpeace (Geneva)
- United Nations (Geneva and New York)
- Global Resilience Institute (Boston)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Research Opportunities

Undergraduate research—either independently or alongside a faculty mentor—will allow you to develop research skills and contribute to your discipline even before you graduate. You can explore various areas of research under faculty with expertise ranging from International Relations to Comparative Politics, to Social Movements and Revolutions and much more. Additionally, students can apply for various national fellowships to further their research including scholarships for summer intensives, abroad travel and education, and graduate opportunities.

Global and Interdisciplinary Approach

Global experiences are embedded into our curriculum. Participating in international experiences will provide you with new insights, knowledge and perspectives. Opportunities include study abroad, our unique faculty-led Dialogue of Civilizations programs (summer faculty-led experiential learning opportunities in more than 80 countries), and funded global co-op.

Featured Courses

- Globalization and International Affairs
- Cities in a Global Context
- Race and Global Human Mobility
- Security, Culture, Power
- International Conflict and Negotiation
- International Environmental Policy
- Women and World Politics
- Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection
- Forced Migration: Refugees, Exiles, and Displaced Persons
- Borders and Racial Security
- Middle East Studies
- International Law
- International Human Rights Law and Policy
- Climate and Development

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The opportunities offered by International Affairs foster personal growth and provide an overwhelming sense of community. My experiences in the classroom and abroad have taught me not only about international politics, diplomacy, and the essence of multi-culturalism but also about my own interests and my future career path.”

Sunita Pftzner '22 International Affairs and Environmental Science combined major



Jenia Browne '24

International Affairs



Jenia found community with the Northeastern Black Student Association, which helped define her college experience. She has served on the executive board since her Freshman year.



She won a 2023 PEAK Summit Award for her project exploring how “queer” gender expressions and identities reinforced and/or subverted the Western gender binary.



Jenia was an inaugural recipient of the Flemister Fellows program, and will receive support from the Flemister Fund and faculty mentorship to pursue research and experiential learning opportunities related to international affairs.

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N Northeastern College of Social Sciences and Humanities

As a leader in the Experiential Liberal Arts, Northeastern’s College of Social Sciences and Humanities combines experiential learning with the rigorous study of culture, society, policy, and ethics. To explore the past and shape policies for a better tomorrow, we practice humanics: the integration of traditional liberal arts capacities with quantitative tools and new digital proficiencies. In fields ranging from English and economics to philosophy, criminology and public policy, we focus on the key issues of today: how to shape public spheres, how to build resilient and sustainable communities, and how to engage with cultures past and present.

N Northeastern University

Founded in 1898, Northeastern is a global research university and the recognized leader in experience-powered lifelong learning. Our world-renowned experiential approach empowers our students, faculty, alumni, and partners to create impact far beyond the confines of discipline, degree, and campus.

Our locations—in Boston; the Massachusetts communities of Burlington and Nahant; Charlotte, North Carolina; the San Francisco Bay Area; Seattle; London; Toronto; and Vancouver—are nodes in our growing global university system. Through this network, we expand opportunities for flexible, student-centered learning and collaborative, solutions-focused research.

Northeastern’s comprehensive array of undergraduate and graduate programs—in on-campus, online, and hybrid formats—lead to degrees through the doctorate in nine colleges and schools. Among these, we offer more than 140 multidisciplinary majors and degrees designed to prepare students for purposeful lives and careers.