

SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

Bachelor of Arts | Bachelor of Science

A sociology and anthropology degree for understanding human societies and cultures

The sociology and anthropology majors equip students with the practical and theoretical tools to address complex social and cultural issues. In our Experiential Liberal Arts education model, we combine rigorous coursework with experiential learning—such as undergraduate research, service-learning, co-op, and global experiences—to provide you with the analytical skills to understand contemporary societies and cultures. This learning model will prepare you for careers in a wide variety of fields—such as education, entrepreneurship, journalism, international development, non-profit work, human services, administration, and criminal justice— or for graduate study in the social sciences, law, business, or medicine.

Investigating and interpreting social change

Co-op Opportunities

Co-op is an educational program in which you alternate semesters of academic study with semesters of full-time employment in positions related to your academic or career interests. Co-op provides you with practical learning experience, work preparation, and personal growth. Here are some examples of companies that have provided

co-op opportunities for our students:

- Boston Housing Authority
- Dana Farber Cancer Institute
- Fenway Community Development Corporation
- Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)
- Justice Resource Institute
- Little Brothers – Friends of the Elderly
- Pine Street Inn
- Prisoners' Legal Services
- Social Innovation Forum
- TACC (the American City Coalition)
- Walden Behavioral Care LLC

Global experience is common for our majors. Dialogue of Civilizations programs, Alternative Spring Break, global co-op, and study abroad are all ways to immerse yourself in another culture and to integrate an international element into your studies. Our curriculum emphasizes research methods training, social engagement, and student-driven research. Through faculty-student collaborations, research co-op positions, research forums, fieldwork, and senior capstone projects, there are opportunities to contribute to your discipline even before you graduate.

Because we are a small department at a large university, we offer the best of both worlds—you have a vast array of options for course electives, minors, and extracurricular activities, while also having the chance to interact closely with faculty and peers.

Research Opportunities

Sociology and Anthropology majors can expand their classroom education by diving deeper into the material through research. Our expectational research centers offer students the chance to conduct action-oriented research with support from faculty and other Northeastern resources. Research centers and labs include the Social Science Environmental Health Research Institute (SSEHRI), the Brudnick Center on Violence and Conflict, and the Northeastern University Environmental Justice Research Collaborative.



Featured Courses

- Peoples and Cultures
- Environmental Justice
- Sociology of Health and Illness
- Environment, Technology, and Society
- Gender and Sexuality: Cross Cultural Perspectives
- The 21st Century Workplace
- Global Markets, Local Cultures
- Race and Ethnicity
- Ethnographic Field Experience
- The Immigrant Experience
- Religion and Modernity

Learn about Sociology and Anthropology combined major degrees at cssh.northeastern.edu/combined-majors



Being a Sociology major at Northeastern has not only helped me understand the world around me, but has helped me examine my own identity and position within our world. It made me realize how much we take for granted all of the things that we do, say, and see on a daily basis. I'm constantly prompted to ask the bigger question—to ask why these facets of our society exist in the first place. The answer is never simple, but it is always fascinating."

Kadijahtu Bah, 25' Sociology major



Anna Moceyunas '22

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Anna did her first co-op in spring 2020 at the Boston Consulting Group; she was the HR Compliance Immigration Co-op in the Immigration team.

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Attorneys at Law

Anna completed a second co-op in Spring 2021 at Jones Kelleher, LLP, a Boston-based law firm.



The
Philanthropic
Initiative

She is now working full-time at The Philanthropic Initiative as a Program Associate, providing research support and project management to staff and clients.

N Northeastern University 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.