



Transfer Information

Students who earn Clark College's Associate in Arts degree qualify to transfer to most Washington colleges and universities with junior standing. To earn the Associate in Arts degree the student must:

- Complete a minimum of ninety (90) college-level credits in specified curriculum.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative college-level GPA of 2.00 or higher.
- Meet academic residency requirements.
- Submit a program completion application by the appropriate deadline.

Lower Division Requirements

General Education

Communication Skills	10 credits
Quantitative Skills	5 credits
Health and Physical Education	3 credits

Distribution

Humanities courses	15 credits
Social Science courses	15 credits
Science courses	15 credits

Electives

Distribution list courses	12 credits
Electives list courses	15 credits

See Clark College Catalog for specific course and degree criteria.

College Abilities

Clark College has identified six college-wide abilities that help students apply what they learn. The core abilities are taught across the curriculum and students continually practice and improve their skills in the six areas.

Communication

The ability to understand and deliver written, spoken and visual communication clearly and accurately.

Critical Thinking/Problem Solving

The ability to formulate, evaluate and synthesize facts, data, ideas, assumptions, values and points of view.

Effective Citizenship

The ability to identify community issues; evaluate and respect various opinions and values; and articulate one's own perspective.

Global/Multicultural Perspectives

The ability to identify, analyze and demonstrate how culture shapes world perceptions, values and behaviors.

Lifelong Learning

The ability to set and revise goals, access resources and assume responsibility for one's own learning.

Information/Technology

The ability to identify resources; retrieve and manage data; interpret, evaluate and use information; and adapt to changing technologies.



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Communication Studies



- Develop communication skills necessary for successful careers
- Earn credits toward a four-year degree in Communication Studies
- Join the nationally-recognized Clark College Competitive Speaking and Debate Team



Communication Studies

Working with people requires excellent oral communication skills. Communication skills are some of the most important skills employers look for in college students preparing for the workplace, regardless of major or degree. Clark College offers courses in interpersonal, small group, and public speaking, as well as studies in mass communication, cross-cultural, and persuasion theory.

Effective communication is vital for success in most careers. Communication Studies courses enhance many degree programs and can help students develop skills that are beneficial for a variety of different fields. Students pursuing an associate in arts, an applied science degree, or a certificate of proficiency can benefit from Communication Studies courses, and many four-year degree programs require that students take at least one Communication Studies course.

Students pursuing a four-year degree in Communication Studies are strongly advised to consult a Communication Studies faculty member and an advisor from their transfer institution for assistance in planning their degree program.

Competitive Speaking and Debate Team

Students who enjoy public speaking will find a prestigious home on the Clark College Competitive Speaking and Debate Team. The team has a long history of success having won state, regional, and national championships. The team's notoriety extends around the globe, as team members have traveled to Italy, Spain, Czech Republic and Great Britain to compete. For more information, contact the speech and debate director at (360) 992-2285.



Communication Studies Endowment Scholarship

The Communication Studies Department has an endowed scholarship that is awarded each year to one student. Interested students should see the department faculty for course-related requirements.

Career Opportunities

Students often ask: "What can I do with a communication degree?" Choosing the best educational path to a satisfying job and successful career can be difficult for a student. In a national survey of 1000 human resource managers, oral communication skills are identified as valuable for both obtaining information and successful job performance. Fortune 500 executives indicate that college students need better communication skills, as well as the ability to work in teams and with people from diverse backgrounds. A degree in communication is useful for the following careers:

- Administrative Services
- Advertising
- College Professor
- Conflict Resolution Specialist
- Customer Service
- Government
- Consulting
- Health Communication
- Hotel Management
- Human Development
- International Relations
- Lobbyist
- Police Officer
- Politics
- Marketing
- Marriage Counselor
- Mediation
- Negotiator
- Public Relations
- Radio & Television Broadcasting
- Social Services

Communication Studies Courses

Many Clark students earn their associate in arts degree at Clark, transfer to a four-year institution with junior standing and go on to earn their bachelor's degree in communication. Communication Studies department courses typically transfer to four-year institutions. However, students should contact their transfer institution to clarify each course's transferability. The following are courses offered by the Communication Studies department:

Fulfills Communication Requirement

CMST& 210	Interpersonal Communication	5 credits
CMST& 220	Public Speaking	5 credits
CMST & 230	Small Group Communication	5 credits

Fulfills Humanities Requirement

CMST& 102	Mass Communication and Society	3 credits
CMST 171	Competitive Speaking and Debate	3 credits
CMST 172	Competitive Speaking and Debate	3 credits
CMST 173	Competitive Speaking and Debate	3 credits
CMST & 210	Interpersonal Communication	5 credits
CMST 216	Cross-Cultural Communication	3 credits
CMST& 220	Public Speaking	5 credits
CMST& 230	Small Group Communication	5 credits
CMST 271	Competitive Speaking and Debate	3 credits
CMST 272	Competitive Speaking and Debate	3 credits
CMST 273	Competitive Speaking and Debate	3 credits

Fulfills Social Science Requirement

CMST& 230	Small Group Communication	5 credits
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Electives

CMST 199	Cooperative Work Experience	1-5 credits
CMST 212	Oral Communication in Business	3 credits
CMST 280	Selected Topics	1-5 credits
CMST 290	Special Projects	1-5 credits

Refer to the Degree & Certificate Requirements section in the Clark College Catalog to identify the courses needed to satisfy the General Education Requirements.