

Waitlists

If you attempt to register for a class which is full but has wait-listed spots available, a message will pop up asking if you want to be on the waitlist. If you add yourself to the waitlist, be sure to monitor your status: Go to Quick Links, click Online Services, then select Waitlist Inquiry. Enter your Student Identification Number and your Registration PIN (6 digit birthday, mmddyy for your first quarter). It is a good idea to attend the first day of class and talk to the instructor, even if you are still on the waitlist, just in case students who are registered for the class have been dropped or choose not to attend. If the course is online, e-mail the instructor prior to the start date to express your interest in the course.

Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA)

The Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) ensures that a student who completes the Associate in Arts degree will have satisfied all or most of the basic (general education) requirements at the university. This means, generally, that transfer students can begin work on their specialized major area of coursework as soon as they transfer. Some transfer institutions may require additional general education or preparatory courses for the major.

The following colleges subscribe to the DTA:

Bastyr University	Central Washington University
City University	Concordia University
Cornish College of the Arts	Eastern Washington University
The Evergreen State College	George Fox University
Gonzaga University	Heritage University
Oregon State University	Pacific University
Pacific Lutheran University	Portland State University
Saint Martin's University	Seattle University Seattle
Pacific University	University of Washington
Washington State University	Western Oregon University
Western Washington University	Whitworth College

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Selecting Your First Quarter Classes



Associate in Arts Degree

If you are an undecided student or plan to transfer to a four-year university, Clark College recommends following the Associate in Arts (AA) degree requirements. Also known as the Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) Associate degree, it is designed to meet most or all general education requirements at most universities in Washington and several in Oregon. In most cases, students earning the AA degree will be granted junior standing upon entry to their intended transfer schools. With a variety of English composition, math, science, social science, fine arts, and elective requirements, the AA is the broadest of all the degrees Clark College offers and is the perfect choice for students still exploring their options and interests. Some transfer majors have a different degree that is recommended, such as Business or Elementary Education.

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What Classes to Take?

The AA degree requires the following distribution of classes:

Communication Skills	10 credits
Quantitative Skills (Math)	5 credits
Health/Physical Education	3 credits
Humanities	15 credits
Social Sciences	15 credits
Natural Sciences	15 credits
Electives (Specified & General)	27 credits

Taking courses from several of these distribution areas will give you a variety of coursework and will begin to satisfy the different requirements of the degree. Additionally, keep the following tips in mind:

1. Course load

Know your strengths and weaknesses! If you feel it would be best to focus on a specific subject, such as math or reading/writing, enroll in the course you find the most challenging, and balance your schedule with subjects that cater to your strengths. Remember the demands of work, family and friends in addition to study time, and don't overload your schedule, especially your first quarter. You won't go wrong your first quarter by taking classes that count toward high school requirements.

2. Areas of personal interest

If you scored at college-level in reading and writing, consider taking courses that would not only be of personal interest but would satisfy Humanities, Social Science, or Natural Science requirements. Refer to the Clark College Catalog or the Associate of Arts worksheet for a list of qualifying courses.

3. Sequential Courses

Some courses, like music history, chemistry, and physics, are part of series that start in particular quarters or are offered only certain times of the year. The college catalog provides details regarding when courses are typically offered. Meeting with an advisor to create a long-term academic plan will keep you on track.

6. Human Development Courses

The Human Development (HDEV) department offers a variety of helpful classes for personal and professional development that also satisfy general elective credits. For your first quarter, consider one of the following classes:

- College Success (HDEV 117)
- Career Exploration (HDEV 101)
- Career & Life Planning (HDEV 100)
- Motivation & Study Skills (HDEV 116)

Use Schedule Planner

Once you have a list of possible classes, you can plug them into Schedule Planner to see which classes are open and the times that are available at www.clark.edu/scheduleplanner. Refer to the Schedule Planner handout for information on using Schedule Planner. Be sure to print a copy of the schedule you create so you can refer back to it!

Register Online

When it's your registration access date, go to the Clark website (www.clark.edu), select Quick Links > Online Services > Web Registration. You will need to enter your Student Identification Number (940 number) and your Registration PIN, which for your first quarter only, will be your six-digit birth date. You will then need to enter the Item Numbers of the courses you are interested in.