



Program Map



Communication Studies Emphasis - Associate in Arts Degree

Area of Study: Creative and Communication Arts

The ability to effectively convey a message and build healthy relationships is an asset in all aspects of life. Communication Studies is a discipline that engages students in better understanding the way individuals receive, assess, and share information. At Clark College, Communication Studies faculty encourage a collaborative learning environment where students can develop their communication skills through learning of theory, practice, discussion, analysis and sharing ideas in the classroom. Recognizing these skills are imperative for satisfying relationships in both the professional and personal realms, the Communication Studies faculty are committed to fostering a positive learning environment for all skill levels.

> Free [Tutoring Services](#) are available to support you throughout your degree completion.

Program maps are suggested academic plans and should not be used in the place of regular academic advising. Your student entry method, placement, course availability, and program requirements are subject to change and transfer credit(s) may change your map/plan.

Year One

Fall Term

- CMST& 210 Interpersonal Communication 5
- COLL 101 College Essentials: Intro to Clark 2
- HPE 258 or 266, HLTH 100 and PE 121, or HLTH 100 and PE 124 or combination of choice^ 3
- ASTR& 101, BIOL 101, GEOL& 101, PHSC& 101 or PHSC 102^ 5

Winter Term

- ENGL& 101 English Composition I 5
- CMST& 102 Intro to Mass Media 5
- PSYC& 100 General Psychology^ 5

Spring Term

- ENGL& 102 English Composition II 5
- CMST& 220 Public Speaking 5
- MATH& 146 Intro into Statistics or MATH& 107 Math in Society^ 5

Year Two

Fall Term

- CMST& 230 Small Group Communication5
- Foreign Language of Choice SPAN 121, JAPN 121, ASL 121 or POLS 111^5
- SOC& 101 Intro into Sociology5

Winter Term

- WS 101 Introduction to Women’s Studies5
- ASL& 122, JAPN& 122, SPAN& 122, ANTH& 206 OR GEOG& 200^5
- ASTR& 101, BIOL 101, GEOL& 101, PHSC 101, PHSC 102^5

Spring Term

- CMST 216 Intercultural Communication5
- ANTH& 215 Bioanthropology5
- SPAN& 123, JAPN &123, ASL& 123, ANTH& 206, or GEOG& 2005

90 units required. [View the Clark College Catalog](#) for additional program information.

Key: ^ Alternative classes are available to fit your schedule or interest. & Common Course in the State of Washington.

Approximate Costs Each Term

Tuition \$1490* for 15 credits per term plus books, supplies, and miscellaneous fees. *Tuition based on Washington resident rates. [View residency classifications](#) on our website.

Customize with Advising

Make an appointment online with Advising Services to learn more about customizing your academic plan at clark.edu/advising.

How to Enroll

Visit Clark College’s Welcome Center in Gaiser Hall room 127 or the [Get Started webpage](#) for information on becoming a new student. Email start@clark.edu or call 360-992-2078.

[Apply for Admission](#)

Support Services

At Clark College, we know that everyone who walks through our doors is a unique person with diverse, interesting and sometimes challenging circumstances. We are committed to ensuring each and every student can succeed at Clark, and are committed to serving systemically non-dominant communities, including (but not limited to) people of color, those who identify as LGBTQIA2S+ and people with disabilities. We have resource centers, clubs, programs and activities for all students.

Visit our [Student Support](#) page for more information.

Funding Options at Clark

There are many resources available to help students cover the costs to attend college—tuition, books, fees, tools, transportation, childcare, etc.—so you can focus on completing your degree or certificate.

Grants Based on need. You do not need to pay back grants.

Scholarships Similar to grants, and there are different criteria; Clark College awards hundreds of thousands of dollars to students each year. We encourage everyone to apply!

Student Employment & Work Study Money you earn through working part-time; this helps to reduce your reliance on loans, and build your skills and resume.

Loans If you do need to borrow additional funds to pay for college-related expenses, you can consider loans. It is money you borrow and will pay back with interest.

Specific Assistance For Veterans, worker retraining, DREAMers, students receiving DSHS benefits, and more.

For more information, visit our [paying for college website](#) or visit the **Office of Financial Aid** in Gaiser Hall room 101.

Career Opportunities

Career exploration and planning is an essential step to establishing your academic journey at Clark College and beyond. Career Services connects you with resources and strategies for career planning in six areas: knowing self; career awareness; relationship building and networking; work-based learning; job-search skills; and career readiness competencies. You are encouraged to participate in *MyPlan*, a comprehensive and interactive guide with activities to support your career, academic, and financial wellness planning. Visit [Career Services](#) in the Penguin Union Building room 002.

Students who complete the **Associates in Arts – Communication Studies Emphasis** degree could be employed as:
Some careers may require a bachelor's degree or higher

Public Relations Specialist
Communications Teachers, Post Secondary
Advertising and Promotions Manager
Communications Specialists

Public Information Officer
Content Specialist/Manager
Reporter

Career exploration information created by Clark Faculty and Staff.



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