



Program Map



Journalism Emphasis* - Associate in Arts Degree

**This emphasis area is connected to the News Media Studies concentration – see your advisor*

Area of Study: Creative and Communication Arts

Journalism is a core function of our society. Our program features faculty with professional media experience and real-world opportunities for students to report on campus events and issues of significance to the college community. At Clark, students in our news production courses work as reporters, editors, photographers, videographers and designers of The Independent, the student run and print online publication, which has garnered awards from the Pacific Northwest Association of Journalism Educators and the Associated Collegiate Press, the nation's largest college student media organization.

> 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

- ENGL& 101 English Composition I.....5
- CMST& 102 Intro to Mass Media5
- COLL 101 College Essentials2
- HPE 258, HPE 266, HLTH 100 AND (PE 101 OR PE 121).....3

Winter Term

- JOUR 101 Intro to Journalism5
- GEOG 205 Physical Geography5
- MATH& 107 Math in Society, MATH& 146 Intro to Stats, or PHIL& 120 Symbolic Logic^.....5

Spring Term

- JOUR 110 College News Production.....1-3
- JOUR 111 Digital News5
- GEOG 200 Human Geography or POLS 111 American Ntl Government & Politics^.....5
- ENGL& 102 English Composition II5

Year Two

Fall Term

- JOUR 120 College News Production3
- ENGL 127 Creative Nonfiction Writing5
- SOC& 101 OR WS 101^5

Winter Term

- JOUR 130 College News Production3
- ART 131 Photographic Storytelling3
- ENV& 101 Introduction to Environmental Science, BIOL 101 Environmental Biology, BIOL& 175, METR 101^5
- PSYC& 100 OR SOC 131.....5

Spring Term

- JOUR 210 College News Production2
- JOUR 199 Cooperative Work Experience.....2
- METR 101 Atmosphere and the Environment, ENV 101 OR BIOL 101 PHYS^5
- CMST& 220 Public Speaking, or SPAN& 121^5

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 – Journalism Emphasis (could be part of the News Media Studies Concentration)** degree could be employed as:

Some careers may require a bachelor's degree or higher

Editor
Public Relations Specialist
Communications Specialist

Reporter
Public Relations Specialist
Technical Writer

Career exploration information created by Clark Faculty and Staff.



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