



Program Map



Political Science Emphasis - Associates in Arts Degree

Area of Study: Public Service, Society and Education

If you are interested in how our government works and how communities develop policy, conduct research and analyze data then an associate degree with a political science focus might be right for you. This degree prepares students for a wide range of careers or higher education in public affairs, government, international affairs, law, teaching, and journalism to name a few.

Students also gain valuable analytical, communication, and research skills. Consult advising for degree requirements.

> 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
- COLL 101 College Essentials: Intro to Clark College 2
- Any HPE3 or (HEALTH2 + PE1) of choice^ 3
- HIST& 146 United States History I 5

Winter Term

- POLS 111 American National Government And Politics.. 5
- ENGL& 102 English Composition II 5
- ANTH& 215 or BIOL 101^ 5

Spring Term

- ECON 110 Introduction to the Global Economy 5
- CMST& 220 Public Speaking OR CMST& 230 Small Group Communication^ 5
- MATH& 107, MATH& 146 OR PHIL& 117^ 5

Year Two

Fall Term

- POLS& 203 International Relations5
- GEOG& 102 World Regional Geography or GEOG& 200 Human Geography^5
- GEOG 205 Physical Geography5

Winter Term

- POLS 131 State and Local Government5
- PHIL& 101 Intro to Philosophy5
- SOC& 101 Intro to Sociology or PSYC& 100 General Psychology^5

Spring Term

- WS 101 Introduction to Women’s Studies^5
- POLS 231 Environmental Politics5
- METR 101 Atmosphere and the environment OR PHSC 101 General Physical Science^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 - Political Science Emphasis** degree and transfer to earn a bachelor's degree could be employed as:

Operations Research Analysts
Political Scientists
University and College Teachers

Public Affairs Specialist
Governmental Affairs Assistant
Lawyers

Career exploration information established by Clark Faculty and Staff.



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