

Pathway: **Communication Studies**

Area of Study: **Social Sciences, Humanities, and Language**



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Overview

This pathway meets requirements for the Associate of Arts-Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) degree with a concentration in Communication Studies. Completion of this degree opens doors to a variety of careers in sectors including non-profit, business, government, entertainment, and education. (Read program QR code to see more)

Estimated Length of Completion

Degree: Associate of Arts - Direct Transfer Agreement (LASDTAA)

9 quarters, Part time

Career Opportunities

A Communication Studies pathway can lead to various career opportunities. Examples include:

- Advertising Executive
- Corporate Communications Manager
- Editor
- Education, Teacher or Corporate Trainer
- Human Resources Specialist
- Journalism, TV production, Radio
- Marketing Executive
- Media Planner/Social Media Manager
- Meeting ... (Read program QR code to see more)



Future Education

Once you complete the associates degree, additional education opportunities include:

- A Bachelor's degree in Communication/Communication Studies, Media & Communications, Journalism, or a related field at a four-year college or university.
- A Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree at one of the Seattle Colleges.

North Seattle College has direct transfer agreements with four-year institutions throughout Washington state, including the University of Washington, Washington State University, and Seattle University. Communication studies graduates from North have also transferred to out-of-state institutions. Program and admissions requirements vary from college-to-college. Contact a North advisor to create an educational plan tailored to transfer to the institution of your choice. You can use the College Navigator search engine found at <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator> to find Communication Studies programs in Washington state or around the country.



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Get Started

Step 1: Apply and register at North Seattle College anytime (the application is always free). Once you become a student, register for classes using the online class schedule and go to the academic calendar for registration dates and tuition deadlines.

Step 2: See an advisor to create a personalized educational plan by the end of your second quarter. Your plan will include prerequisites, graduation requirements, and transfer preparation if you plan to transfer to another college or university to earn a bachelor's degree.

Tuition and Fees

Learn more about the [estimated cost of attendance and general fees to attend college](#).

Financial Aid and Funding Resources

It's time to apply for Financial Aid for next year by completing either the [FAFSA](#) or the [WASFA](#) 2024-25.

Need help paying for college?

To apply for financial aid, including grants and scholarships you don't have to pay back, visit [North's Financial Aid Department](#) for details. Part-time and full-time students can qualify for financial aid funds.

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Advising Contact

Contact the [Social Sciences, Humanities, and Languages Area of Study advisor](#)

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Before Quarter One

- [Pre-College or Transitional Studies Math](#) (if needed)
- [Pre-College or Transitional Studies English](#) (if needed)
- Apply for [Financial Aid](#) and other funding before your first quarter. Visit the [Financial Aid Office](#) to explore how to pay for college.
- [Transfer previous college credits](#) to North if applicable.
- Attend [New Student Orientation](#).
- [Explore placement options](#): take the [math](#) and [English](#) placement tool if needed.
- Make an informed choice on the [number of units to take each quarter](#).
- F-1 international students must enroll full time (12+ units) each quarter and check in with the [International Programs office](#) before the start of the quarter if enrolling in less than 12 units and/or before starting any work or volunteer experience.
- If you need academic accommodations for a documented disability, please contact [Disability Services](#).

A sample schedule and quarterly to-do list are below. The schedule and to-do list will help you explore courses and complete tasks on time. The guide assumes a fall quarter start, but you can begin in any quarter.

Sample Schedule

This is an example of a quarterly schedule:

Quarter 1

- CMST&101 Intro to Communication (5 units)
- MATH&107 Math In Society (5 units)

Quarter 2

- ENGL&101 English Composition I (5 units)
- CMST&102 Intro To Mass Media (5 units)

Quarter 3

- Integrated Studies: ENGL&102 (5 units)
- Integrated Studies: Elective course (5 units)

Quarter 4

- CMST&220 Public Speaking (5 units)
- PSYC&100 or SOC&101 or ANTH&206 (5 units)

Quarter 5

- ENVS&100 Survey Of Env Science (5 units)
- World Language I or another Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts class that is not a Communication Studies (CMST) class (5 units)

Quarter 6

- World Language II or another elective (5 units)
- CMST&210 Interpersonal Com. (5 units)

Quarter 7

- BIOL&100 Survey Of Biology (5 units)
- World Language III or CMST&205 (5 units)

Quarter 8

- PSYC&100 or SOC&101 or ANTH&206 (5 units)
- HEA150 or Natural World (5 units)

Quarter 9

- CMST&230 Small Group Com. (5 units)
- PSYC&100 or SOC&101 or Individuals/Cultures/Societies (5 units)



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Sample Quarterly To-Do List

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- Schedule an appointment with your assigned advisor in [Starfish](#) to meet and discuss your goals. Learn more about Starfish [here](#).
- Explore careers and majors through workshops, [counseling](#) and [career services](#).
- Come to the [Library](#) to get help with research; check out resources; access computers and study space; and create media projects.
- Visit the [Student Learning Center](#) to learn about tutoring services offered in-person and online.
- Check out [campus life: Student Clubs and Affinity Groups](#), [TRIO](#), [Equity & Welcome Center](#), [Wellness Center](#), etc.

Quarter 2

- Create an [educational plan](#) with your [assigned advisor](#).
- Apply for [financial aid](#) for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- Visit [North's Transfer webpage](#) for transfer information.

Quarter 3

- Apply for the [Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarship](#) and [other scholarships](#).
- Consider [Student Leadership positions](#) and other [on-campus jobs](#).
- Attend "Making Learning and Teaching Visible" campus event every spring.
- Apply for [summer financial aid](#).

Quarter 4

- Update your educational plan and confirm your program of study with your [assigned advisor](#).
- Research and develop a list of four-year colleges and universities.

Quarter 5

- Attend [transfer events](#) at North and universities of interest.
- Attend campus lectures and forums from the Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences division.
- Consider applying to communication studies internships.
- Contact Communication Studies departments at potential universities.

Quarter 6

- Visit potential universities and determine application deadlines.
- Contact Communication Studies departments at potential universities.
- Update your educational plan with your [assigned advisor](#).
- Apply for [financial aid](#) for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.

Quarter 7

- Write your personal statement for university applications.
- Explore possible Communication Studies internships.
- Apply for [summer financial aid](#).



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Quarter 8

- [Apply](#) for the AA-DTA degree in ctcLink. Check with your assigned advisor to be sure you are meeting degree requirements.
- Apply to universities or colleges and scholarships.

Quarter 9

- Check in with university for transfer plan.



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