



## Suggested Schedule To Earn An Associate Degree

This pathway meets requirements for the Associate of Arts - Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) degree with an emphasis in Communication Studies. This sample schedule assumes a fall start. If you wish to take alternate courses not listed below please meet with a North advisor to confirm you are still meeting AA-DTA degree requirements.

### Before You Start

- Pre-College Math or ABE (if needed).
- Pre-College English, ABE or ESL (if needed).
- Apply for Financial Aid or other funding before your first quarter. Visit the Financial Aid Office to explore how to pay for college.

### To Do

- Transfer previous college credits to [North](#).
- Explore placement options: take the math and English placement test if needed.
- Attend New Student Orientation.

## Year One

### Credits

#### Quarter 1 (Fall)

- CMST& 101 Introduction to Communications..... 5
- ENGL& 101 English Composition I ..... 5
- MATH& 107 Math in Society ..... 5

#### Quarter 2 (Winter)

- CMST& 102 Introduction to Mass Media ..... 5
- ENV&S 100 Survey of Environmental Science..... 5
- PSYC& 100 General Psychology or  
SOC& 101 Introduction to Sociology or  
another Individuals, Cultures, and Societies course..... 5

#### Quarter 3 (Spring)

- Integrated Studies: ENGL& 102 Composition II..... 5
- Integrated Studies: Elective Course..... 5
- CMST& 220 Public Speaking ..... 5

## Year Two

#### Quarter 4 (Fall)

- CMST& 205 Multicultural Communication ..... 5
- BIOL& 100 Survey of Biology..... 5
- World Language I or a VLPA that is not a CMST class..... 5

#### Quarter 5 (Winter)

- CMST& 210 Interpersonal Communication or  
World Language II..... 5
- PSYC& 100 General Psychology or  
SOC& 101 Introduction to Sociology or ICS Course..... 5
- HEA 150 Health and Human Sexuality ..... 5

#### Quarter 6 (Spring)

- CMST& 230 Small Group Communication ..... 5
- World Language III or an Elective Course..... 5
- PSYC& 100 General Psychology or  
SOC& 101 Introduction to Sociology or ICS Course..... 5

### Quarter 1

- Schedule an appointment with your assigned advisor in [Starfish](#) to meet and discuss your goals.
- Visit the Student Learning Center for tutoring.
- Explore careers and majors: workshops, counseling and career services.
- Check out campus life: student clubs, Equity & Welcome Center, Fall Fest, etc.
- Drop by the [Library](#) to get help with research; check out resources; access computers and study space; and create media projects.

### 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.
- Research and develop a list of four-year colleges and universities.
- Attend transfer workshops and a transfer fair.

### Quarter 3

- Visit potential universities and determine application deadlines.
- Apply for the Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarship and other scholarships.
- Consider Student Leadership positions and other on-campus jobs.

### Quarter 4

- Update your educational plan with your assigned advisor.
- Contact Communication Studies department at potential universities.
- Attend transfer workshops and a transfer fair.
- Write your personal statement for university applications.

### Quarter 5

- Apply for financial aid for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- Apply to universities or colleges and scholarships.
- Explore possible Communication Studies internships.

### Quarter 6

- Apply for graduation for the AA-DTA degree with your assigned advisor.
- Check in with university for transfer plan.
- Order cap and gown for commencement and join alumni association.
- Attend on-campus graduation fair and commencement ceremony.

**Total Credits Required: 90**



## About the Map

This pathway meets requirements for the Associate of Arts - Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) degree with an emphasis in Communication Studies. Completion of this degree opens doors to a variety of careers in sectors including non-profit, business, government, entertainment, and education. It also allows you to transfer at the junior level into a Communication Studies program at a four-year college or university.

Students in this pathway develop skills in verbal communication, analysis and research, multicultural awareness, computer and technical literacy, audience analysis, group communication and collaboration, interpersonal communication, leadership and facilitation. Competencies in these areas consistently rank at the top of employer wish lists.

## Career Opportunities

- 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/Event Planner
- Public Relations Specialist

A Bachelor's degree or higher may be required for some careers listed above. For current employment and wage estimates, please visit [www.bls.gov/oes](http://www.bls.gov/oes).

## Future Education Opportunities

Once you complete the AA-DTA 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 an advisor to create an educational plan tailored to transfer to the institution of your choice.

## Class Times/Delivery Format?

North Seattle College offers day or evening courses: on-campus, hybrid (part on-campus, part online) or online communications, Monday-Friday.

## Find Out More

Visit <https://northseattle.edu/programs/communication> to learn more about this pathway, or contact the Social Sciences, Humanities, and Languages Area of Study advisor at [northseattle.edu/advising/contact](http://northseattle.edu/advising/contact) or [206-934-3658](tel:206-934-3658).

## Length of Program

90 credits = 6 quarters if you take 15 credits each term.

*Students who take 15 credits each quarter may earn their degree faster, qualify for more financial aid, and earn more money over their lifetime because they complete their schooling faster.*

## Which quarter can I begin?

Any.

## Approximate Costs Each Quarter

Tuition & fees for:

WA state residents.....	\$1555
International Students.....	\$3297.95
Books, supplies, and miscellaneous fees .....	\$475

*\*Please note that these costs are estimates and may vary.*

## Apply for Financial Aid and Other Funding

All students in need should apply for financial aid do not assume you are not eligible! Visit <https://northseattle.edu/financial-aid> to learn more about the application steps and types of financial aid available, including grants and scholarships you don't have to pay back. You do not need to be a full-time student to receive financial aid funds.