

Pathway: English, Literature, and Writing Studies

Area of Study: Social Sciences, Humanities, and Language



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Overview

This two-year pathway is designed for students who wish to complete an Associate of Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement degree with a concentration in English. Students in this program develop skills in written expression, information literacy, close reading, analysis and research, collaboration, and intercultural communication. (Read program QR code to see more)

Estimated Length of Completion

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

6 quarters, Full time

Career Opportunities

Students benefit from having strong reading, writing, and critical thinking skills in just about any field including:

- Journalism, media and technical writing, UI & UX design
- Publishing, editing, literary agency
- Project management, communications, marketing, media relations
- Education, law, business
- Public service, government, community organizing, a ... (Read program QR code to see more)



Future Education

Students who choose a concentration in English can transfer to a four-year school and major in English, Composition & Rhetoric, Comparative Literature, Creative Writing, Linguistics, as well as a variety of majors that value strong reading, writing, and critical thinking skills.

Seattle Central College has direct transfer agreements with four-year institutions throughout Washington State, including the University of Washington, Washington State University, and Seattle University. English graduates from Central have also transferred to out-of-state institutions.

Program and admissions requirements vary from college-to-college. Contact a Central advisor to create an educational plan tailored to transfer to the institution of your choice.



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Get Started

Step 1: Apply and register at South 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](#) 2025-26.

Need help paying for college?

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

Program Contact

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Before Quarter One

- Attend New Student Orientation
- Explore careers and majors: workshops, counseling and Career Exploration Center
- Visit the Financial Aid Office to explore how to pay for college
- Transfer previous college credits to Central if applicable
- Take the Math and English placements to find out which entry classes are the best for you

Sample Schedule

This is an example of a quarterly schedule:

Quarter 1

- ENGL&101 English Composition I (5 units)
- Literature or Specialty Course (5 units)
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- Quantitative & Symbolic Reasoning (5 units)
MATH 116 | MATH& 146 | MATH& 107 | MATH& 141 |
PHIL& 120
- HDC101 Orientation to College (3 units)

Quarter 2

- ENGL&102 Composition II (5 units)
- Literature or Specialty Course (5 units)
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- Individuals/Cultures/Societies (5 units)

Quarter 3

- Literature or Specialty Course (5 units)
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- Visual, Literary and Perf Arts (5 units)
- Natural World (5 units)

Quarter 4

- Natural World Lab Science (5 units)
- Literature or Specialty Course (5 units)
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- Visual, Literary and Perf Arts (5 units)

Quarter 5

- Literature or Specialty Course (5 units)
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- Natural World (5 units)
- Individuals/Cultures/Societies (5 units)

Quarter 6

- Literature or Specialty Course (5 units)
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- Individuals/Cultures/Societies (5 units)
- Visual, Literary and Perf Arts (5 units)



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Sample Quarterly To-Do List

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Quarter 1

- Schedule an appointment with your assigned advisor in Starfish to discuss your academic goals and to create a short-term educational plan
- Get tutoring help at the Learning Support Network and Tutoring Services, including the Bruce McKenna Writing Center
- Explore careers and majors: workshops, counseling and Career Exploration Center
- Drop by the Library to get help with research; check out resources; access computers and study space; and create media projects
- Consider earning a [Global Studies Emphasis](#) or [Equity & Social Justice Emphasis](#) along with your AA degree.
- Explore [Learning Communities](#), team-taught interdisciplinary classes focusing on a theme.
- Attend information meeting to join the staff of [The Seattle Collegian](#), Central's student-run newspaper
- Join one of the many student clubs on campus

Quarter 2

- Research and develop a list of four-year colleges and universities
- Attend transfer workshops and a transfer fair
- Meet with an English faculty during their posted office hours to discuss possible careers and academic opportunities
- Apply for the Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarship and other scholarships
- Join Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) honor society

Quarter 3

- Consider Student Leadership positions and other on-campus jobs
- Visit potential universities and determine application deadlines
- Meet with Transfer Center advisor to determine transfer eligibility
- Check with transfer institutions' planning resources for core English courses required for major

Quarter 4

- Create long-term educational plan with your assigned advisor
- Research and contact English departments at potential universities
- Attend transfer workshops and a transfer fair
- Attend transfer day at prospective university
- Write your personal statement for university applications

Quarter 5

- Apply to universities or colleges and scholarships
- Look for summer internships such as Research Experience for Undergraduates (REUs).
- Plan to participate in the transfer student events at prospective universities
- Apply for FAFSA or WASFA at transfer university
- Ask for letters of recommendation (if needed)



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