

Areas of Study

When you have a clear college plan, you're more likely to achieve your academic goals and save yourself time and money in the process. With this in mind, we've adopted a Guided Pathways approach to help you complete programs faster.

By grouping courses together in a clear path, you're able to make the most efficient use of your time, whether you're working toward a career immediately after graduation or transferring to a university to continue your education. Advisors will work closely with you to identify your path, keep you on it, and help you graduate sooner.

With a particular focus on low-income, first-generation students and students of color, Washington's state-wide Guided Pathways efforts aim to help more of our students earn credentials to prepare them to enter careers in higher-paying, high-demand fields.

Under Guided Pathways you'll choose a program from within seven Areas of Study: Arts & Communications, Business & Management, Healthcare, Information Technology, Math & Science, Skilled Trades, and Social Sciences & Education.

Opportunities in the Arts and Sciences

If you're pursuing a transfer degree you'll find many exciting opportunities to explore and develop passions for a full range of academic and artistic pursuits. Each year student talents are celebrated through a week-long Student Arts Week, which showcases craftsmanship in a variety of areas, from acting to music to art and more. Included in the events are concerts by the PC Instrumental Jazz and Vocal Ensembles, poetry and prose readings, a special student art show, a Junk Art Welding show, and an end-of-term concert by the music department.

Peninsula College Honors students work independently with faculty mentors on capstone projects that the students present each spring to the campus and community at the spring Honors Symposium. In addition, Honors students sponsor events and activities through Lyceum, the Honors Club.

Our journalism students work on a prize-winning student newspaper, *The Buccaneer*. They also regularly attend conferences to learn more about the art of journalism.

Students and community members can contribute original writing, photographs, music, and works of art to Peninsula College's award-winning literary arts magazine, *Tidepools*. Cash prizes are awarded to first, second, and third-place winners. All of the contributors are honored with a reception in the spring and give several readings in our local communities.

Numerous research and travel opportunities are available to our science students, who study and work in Keegan Hall, our Science and Technology Building. Research opportunities abound on the Peninsula. Outstanding outdoor resources, such as Olympic National Park and state and national forests, encourage scientific inquiry and lead to exciting projects. But this is only the start; many more opportunities exist and are waiting to be explored.

Under Guided Pathways, students interested in pursuing an Arts and Sciences transfer degree can choose an Area of Study in Arts & Communications, Social Science & Education, or Math & Science.

Honors Program

If you're looking for a one-of-a-kind experience designed for highly motivated students who seek to be engaged in an intensive learning process, our Honors Program is for you. You'll make connections among ideas while developing critical thinking skills as you pursue an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree. You'll apply your mastery of knowledge to the design and completion of a comprehensive capstone project. You may work with a faculty mentor on a project the faculty member is conducting, or develop a project that is uniquely your own.