

AcademicCentral

“Seattle Central is a community college of choice for ambitious, high-achieving students.”

The New York Times

Academic degrees

Seattle Central offers the following academic degrees:

- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)
- Associate of Applied Science, Transfer (A.A.S.-T)
- Bachelor of Applied Behavioral Science (B.A.S.)

Seattle Central also offers more than 30 certificates in its professional/technical programs.

Gateway to higher learning

About 40 percent of all college students in Washington State begin their studies at a two-year college. The community college system is recognized as a key pathway for first-generation and students of color to earn baccalaureate degrees.

On average, fifty percent of those who receive a degree or certificate at Seattle Central are students of color.

More than 400 students a year transfer to a four-year college or university from Seattle Central. About half of our transfer students attend the University of Washington. The rest attend colleges and universities across the nation.



Qualified, engaged faculty

At Seattle Central, our classrooms hold 30 students, not 300. Instructors know their students' names and stories.

Of academic full-time faculty, one-third hold doctorates in their fields. The rest hold master's degrees.

Running Start

Each year almost 600 ambitious high school students participate in the Running Start program; these students can pursue college coursework as they finish high school.

A leader in innovative learning

Seattle Central was the first community college in the nation to offer the team-taught, multi-disciplinary program known as the Coordinated Studies Program (CSP). Over the past several years, students in a CSP have achieved a 97 percent success rate.



“The Coordinated Studies Program not only changed my perception of the world, it reinforced my commitment to learning. My instructors helped me believe that I too am worthy of a dream.”

Mikal Brotnov, Seattle Central graduate

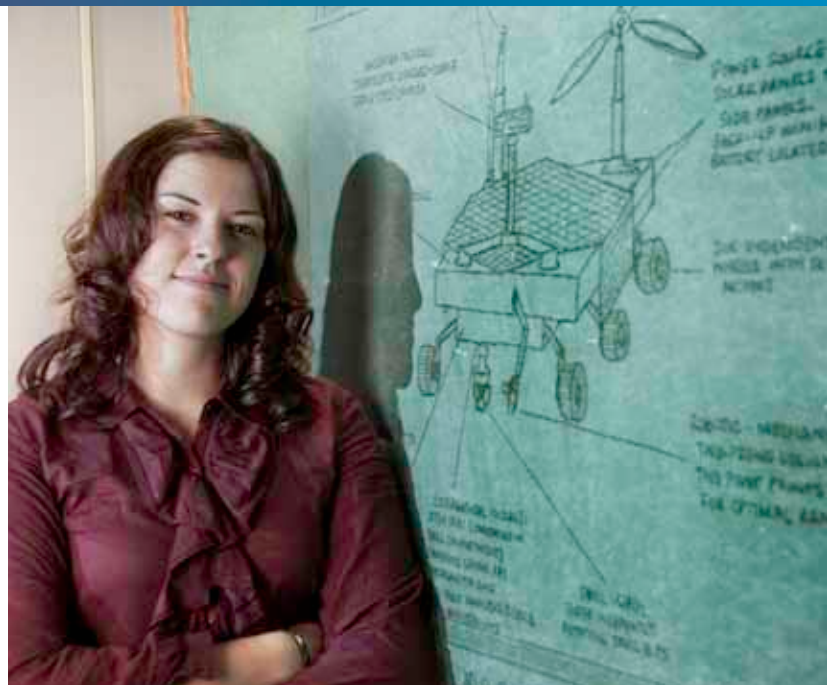
A CSP on the Holocaust inspired Mikal to pursue a doctorate in Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Mikal (pictured with instructor Tracy Lai) attended Clark University on a full scholarship.

College transfer—where our students go

- Bastyr University
- Boston University
- Brigham Young University
- Clark University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Cornish College of the Arts
- Morehouse College
- Mount Holyoke College
- New York University
- Reed College
- Seattle University
- Smith College
- The Evergreen State College
- The University of Texas, Austin
- University of British Columbia
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Michigan School of Journalism
- University of Minnesota
- University of North Carolina
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington
- UW Foster School of Business
- Washington State University
- Western Washington University
- and more...*

Seattle Central's science and mathematics programs receive funds from:

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- National Institutes of Health
- National Science Foundation
- The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- The Carnegie Foundation



“ I love attending Seattle Central because of the small class size and personal attention I get from my teachers. Seattle Central is widely viewed as one of the best community colleges in the area and I wanted to live in the city and near UW, where I plan to study Aeronautical/Aerospace Engineering.”

Ashley Allman,
National Community College Aerospace Scholar

Undergraduate research

Students at Seattle Central don't have to wait until their senior year to conduct real-life scientific research. Through a partnership with the University of Washington, students are placed with mentors from Seattle Central and UW faculty. They learn to prepare and present scientific papers and they observe the research process from bench to publication.

Seattle Central students Michelle Giarmarco (left) and David Murphy (center) are both headed to medical school after fulfilling science prerequisites at Seattle Central. Undergraduate research opportunities are not limited to pre-med students; any Seattle Central science student can work one-on-one with industry, faculty, or researchers on a cutting-edge research project.

Michelle and David at the University of Washington undergraduate research poster presentations with organic chemistry instructor, Dr. Esmael Naemi (right)

