



African-American Studies

Why Study African-American Studies at TCNJ?

African-American Studies (AAS) at TCNJ's School of Humanities and Social Sciences explores profound issues of race and ethnicity with close study of African-American history and its unfolding legacy. Students gain a deep understanding of culture in its many interlacing contexts with a rigorous curriculum that emphasizes critical thinking, research, analysis, intellectual agility, and cultural and social awareness. The interdisciplinary nature of African-American Studies allows for a rich and challenging course of inquiry, benefiting students with interests in history, policy, culture, medicine, language, law, foreign affairs, and education, among other areas. Our graduates go on to pursue meaningful work in a full spectrum of careers.

Programs of Study

AAS offers an African-American Studies major, an African-American Studies minor, and interdisciplinary concentrations in African Diaspora Studies and African-American Studies. There is also a dual major in Urban, Elementary, or Early Childhood Education with AAS.

Students benefit from:

- **The combined strengths of a traditional liberal arts education along with community engagement, cultural awareness, and practical problem-solving** — at the heart of the African-American scholarly tradition
- **A flexible curriculum that easily accommodates double majors** — with various other programs in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and beyond
- **Opportunities for faculty-mentored research, internships, or study abroad** — that help students practice and apply learned skills
- **First-rate instruction and strong mentorship from dedicated faculty** — to help guide academic growth and future career paths

"My foundation in African-American Studies motivated me to further explore ways in which social factors lead to wide health disparities. It made me curious about how we could influence policy to change lives."

TCNJ English major, AAS minor, and pre-med program

Study Abroad Opportunities

AAS majors and minors are encouraged to study abroad. From Tanzania to Trinidad, Washington, D.C. to New Orleans, students gain opportunities to reach across cultural divides, broaden perspectives, and find shared values. TCNJ's Center for Global Engagement offers over 100 different study sites to choose from — around the world or around the country.



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Experience and Engagement

AAS students have many opportunities to apply learning and practice skills. Students may choose to participate in faculty-led research or pursue a mentored independent study that furthers their understanding in an area of interest. There are also relevant student groups and organizations to become involved with on campus.

Passionate, Dedicated Faculty

Our accomplished faculty strive to inspire and empower AAS students by teaching the skills to lead and work for social justice, while supporting the pursuits of deeper individual understanding. Each student has a faculty mentor in the program to help guide and advise.

An AAS Degree from TCNJ Opens Doors

TCNJ's African-American Studies program prepares students with the deep cultural knowledge, insight, and understanding needed to compete and flourish in a diverse workforce. Graduates are well-equipped to pursue a wide range of careers, including education, journalism, social work, civil service, medicine, business, state government, urban planning, and policy — or continue their studies in law or graduate programs.

Recent Graduate Activity and Employment:

City Year Philadelphia

Little Words Project, owner

New York University – Robert F. Wagner
Graduate School of Public Service

Rowan School of Osteopathic Medicine

Rutgers University – Bloustein School
of Planning and Public Policy

The DJ Booth, performing artist

Trenton School District, teacher

Writing, published author



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