



History

Why Study History at TCNJ?

From the local to the global, history matters. The Department of History at TCNJ's School of Humanities and Social Sciences believes that to fully understand today's world, one needs a deep comprehension of the past. With a curriculum that emphasizes historical context and analysis over the memorization of names and dates, our program focuses on student-centered learning supported by strong faculty-student relationships. Small, engaging classes and rich research opportunities help students develop the highly marketable skills in communication, analysis, and synthesizing data into argument and narrative that prepare them for a breadth of career opportunities.

Programs of Study

TCNJ offers History major program tracks in Liberal Arts, Elementary and Secondary Education, and 7-Year Pre-Med. Our program also offers minors in History and U.S. Studies.

Students benefit from:

- **A flexible curriculum that easily accommodates double majors** — with various other programs in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and beyond
- **A highly regarded program in history secondary education** — with a strong post-graduation placement rate
- **A dual major program with elementary education and options for specialization** — including specializations in Early Childhood Education, Special Education, Urban Education, and Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Dual majors in History and Education can earn the required credentials to teach in New Jersey and beyond.
- **Program-wide emphasis on research and analysis** — to help hone skills in sifting evidence into cogent argument
- **Opportunities for faculty-mentored research, internships, or study abroad** — that help students practice and apply learned skills
- **First-rate instruction and close mentorship from widely-experienced faculty** — for expert guidance on academic and career paths

Diverse Faculty Expertise:

TCNJ History faculty offer a broad range of expertise and experience. The TCNJ Teacher-Scholar model means that in addition to being master teachers, our faculty are also published scholars in their chosen fields.



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Research Opportunities

- **Group Research Seminars** — Six students and one faculty member conduct original research together. Recent projects include Hurricane Sandy oral histories, Syrian Christians in New Jersey, and Trenton history.
- **Mentored Undergraduate Summer Experience (MUSE)** — Students pair with faculty members for intensive summer research. Students earn a stipend and live on campus with other MUSE scholars.
- **History Capstone** — All majors produce a piece of original scholarship by the end of their college career. Students can apply to write an Honors Capstone, an intensive two-semester experience.

Internships

TCNJ students have New York City, Philadelphia, and Trenton internship sites all within a convenient distance. The number of historical sites, museums, and archives offer students a stunning array of opportunities to begin building their resumes and careers. Recent internship sites include: Battleship New Jersey, Monmouth Battlefield, The Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York City, Trenton Free Public Library, William Trent House, and YesSheCanCampaign.

Study Abroad Opportunities

- **Faculty-Led Study Tours** — Students can earn a full-course credit with a winter or summer course led by TCNJ History faculty.
- **Semester Abroad** — TCNJ Study Centers make a semester away affordable. Recent destinations include Austria, England, and Japan.
- **Teaching Abroad** — Education majors can student teach abroad. Recent sites include Italy, Spain, and Thailand.

A History Degree from TCNJ Opens Doors

Our students gain the practical skills, insights, and experience that translate across industries and make them highly attractive to prospective employers and top graduate programs. Graduates are well-prepared to pursue careers in teaching, law, business, management, nonprofit, and more.

Recent Graduate Program Placements:

Fordham University School of Law
Rutgers University
Universidad de Alcalá, Spain
University of Pennsylvania
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
School of Law

Recent Graduate Employers:

Japanese Exchange and Teaching
John Wiley and Sons Publishing
New Jersey Public Schools
Smithsonian National Museum
of American History



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