

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Lisa Grimm, Interim Dean

African American Studies

Graduate Certificate in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Antiracism

15 credits

Program code: AFAM_CER01

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The Graduate Certificate in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Antiracism offers students the opportunity to understand and interrogate the historical, structural, cultural, and psychosocial sources of intersecting oppressions in all the courses. It also affords students the opportunity to think critically about existing solutions to these problems and develop novel, effective, context-specific strategies to resist and transform them. The certificate is especially appropriate for students who are already working in organizations (e.g., schools, companies, government, non-profits, etc.) and who would like to advocate for greater diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Admission Requirements

Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution.
Letters of recommendation.
Writing sample.

Completion Requirements

15 credits.
Successful completion of all program requirements/
prerequisites.

Required Courses

PSYG 555/Social Psychology of Power, Oppression, and Privilege (cross-listed with PSY 355)
AASG/SOCG 581/Sociology of Race in the US (cross-listed with AAS/SOC 281)
AASG 699/Capstone: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Anti-Racism Graduate Practicum

Gender-Focused Elective (Choose one)

AASG 576/HISG 565 African American Women's History
AASG 575/WGST 565 Black Feminist Thought
WGST 543/Queer Studies
WGST 510/Feminist Theories
WGST 520/Gender Equity in the Classroom
WGST 530/Men and Masculinities: Literary Perspectives

Other Elective Course (Choose one)

AASG/WGST 562/History of Black Lives Matter
AASG 553/CRMG 552/Race, Crime, and Justice

English

Master of Arts in English

30 credits

Program code: ENGL_MA_01

Jo Carney, Professor (carney@tcnj.edu)

The Master of Arts in English offers students an advanced program of study with specialization in literatures in English. The program stresses contemporary literary theories and sound practices in research and writing. Although many students are part-time and take longer, full-time students may complete the degree in less than two years. For additional flexibility, credit is awarded for supervised independent study, research conducted with a faculty member, and independent research culminating in a master's thesis.

Admission Requirements

Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution.
Letters of recommendation.
Writing sample.

Graduation Requirements

30 credits
Successful completion of all program requirements/
prerequisites.

Required Courses

3 cr.
ENGL 505/Contemporary Literary Theory and Methods

Elective Courses

27 cr.
At least 21 elective credits must be from department offerings.

Comprehensive Examination

ENGL 700
Students complete the required Culminating Experience in either the final Spring or final Summer semester. No exceptions can be made for the completion of the total 10 required courses of graduate coursework or for the completion of the Comprehensive Exam in English.

English,

Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's Program

Only available to TCNJ students who begin at the undergraduate level.

Program code: ENGL_MA_01

Jo Carney, Professor (carney@tcnj.edu)

This accelerated program offers candidates the opportunity to graduate in five years with a BA and MA in English. Enrolled students benefit in many ways: with 10 graduate seminars, combined BA/MA graduates possess far more core content knowledge about literature, literary theory, and language; and with a graduate degree, students will be more competitive in local, regional, and national job markets. With just one extra year of study, undergraduate Secondary Education students can market themselves as highly-qualified teachers of English and Language Arts.

Admission to Graduate Program Requirements

TCNJ English majors apply in the fall semester of the junior year to the English Department through the MA Graduate Program in English website—<https://englishgrad.tcnj.edu/>. Minimum GPA requirements are 3.0 cumulative, 3.4 in the English major. GRE requirements and application fees are waived.

Students must have completed 16 courses (through their 4th semester), including required foundational literature courses and one upper-level (300- and 400-level) course. Students take their first two graduate courses in the spring semester of the senior year. These courses are not included in the undergraduate degree or GPA.

GRE and application fees are waived.

Required Courses: Senior Year

6 cr.

ENGL 505/Contemporary Literary Theory and Methods
Elective (must be from departmental offerings that do not require special permission)

Formal admission to the MA Program in English occurs after conferral of the bachelor's degree and the successful completion of the two graduate level English classes (one of which must be ENGL 505/Contemporary Literary Theory and Methods). Successful completion of the English Content Exam is also required for ENGT.

Students then begin post-bachelor's graduate coursework in the summer following commencement. Students complete the remaining eight elective courses in one academic year of full-time study.

Required Courses: Fifth Year

24 cr.

At least 21 elective credits must be from department offerings.

Comprehensive Examination

ENGL 700

Students complete the required Culminating Experience in either the final Spring or final Summer semester. No exceptions can be made for the completion of the total 10 required courses of graduate coursework or for the completion of the Comprehensive Exam in English.

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Graduate Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies

15 credits

Program code: WGST_CER01

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The Graduate Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies offers an advanced interdisciplinary program of study grounded in contemporary issues and current scholarship. The Gender and Sexuality Studies program is designed to serve both part-time and full-time students who are preparing for professional careers, students who are already working professionals, and students who are preparing for further graduate study. The program can be completed on its own or combined with the Masters programs in English or Counselor Education. A special track in Gender, Sexuality, and Disability Studies is recommended for New Jersey public educators preparing to mainstream LGBTQ and Disability studies in their classrooms in compliance with NJSB 1569.

Admissions Requirements

Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution.

Completion Requirements

15 credits

Required Courses (three options)

6 cr.

Option A: Students pursuing careers in education who have not previously taken Feminist Theory.
WGST 510/Feminist Theory
WGST 520/Gender Equity in the Classroom OR
EDFN 627/Critical Pedagogies

Option B: Students who have previously taken Feminist Theory or are not pursuing careers in education.
WGST 510/Feminist Theory OR
WGST 520/Gender Equity in the Classroom

One WGST 570 or 670 Topics course. Any WGS course at the 300 level or above may be cross-listed as WGST 570 or 670. See the WGS course list for options.

Option C: Students who have previously taken Feminist Theory and have either taken Gender Equity in the Classroom or are not pursuing careers in education. Two WGST 570 or 670 Topics courses.

Electives

9 cr.

Gender and Sexuality Studies Certificate as Standalone

WGST 570 or 670 Topics courses

ENGL courses approved for Gender Studies. Contact the coordinator for information on upcoming courses.

COUN 560/Counseling Girls and Women

COUN 561/Counseling Boys and Men

The following WGST 570 or 670 Topics courses are recommended for those pursuing the Gender, Sexuality, and Disability Studies track; contact coordinator for schedule of offerings:

Feminist Disability Studies

LGBTQ Issues in K-12 Education

Queer Studies

Trans Studies

LGBTQ History

Queer Literature

Gender and Disability in Literature

English MA + Gender and Sexuality Studies Certificate

ENGL 505/Contemporary Literary Theory and Methods (required)

ENGL courses approved for Gender and Sexuality Studies

Counseling MA + Gender and Sexuality Studies Certificate

COUN 560/Counseling Girls and Women (required)

COUN 561/Counseling Boys and Men (required)

COUN 698/Department Project in Counseling (focused on gender and/or sexuality, required)

Public Policy

Master of Public Policy (MPP)

36 credits

Program code: POLS_MPP01

Daniel Bowen, Associate Professor (bowend@tcnj.edu)

The Master of Public Policy (MPP) degree program equips students to be effective policy analysts, researchers, advocates, and managers by providing high quality methodological training, individualized and group research opportunities, and interdisciplinary public policy expertise. The MPP seeks to serve the public interest in the Trenton-Mercer area, the state of New Jersey, and the Mid-Atlantic region through its teaching and applied research.

Admission Requirements

Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution. Transcripts.

Letters of recommendation.

Writing sample.

Graduate Record Exam (GRE) – for test waiver information, please visit <https://graduate.tcnj.edu/apply/>.

Graduation Requirements

36 credits

Required Courses

21-24 cr.

PUBG 501/The Policy Process in Theory & Practice

PUBG 502/Public Budgeting & Management

PUBG 503/Microeconomics & Public Policy

PUBG 510/Quantitative Methods for Policy Research I*

PUBG 511/Program Evaluation & Casual Inference

PUBG 512/Quantitative Methods for Policy Research II

PUBG 696/Thesis (6 credits, 2 semesters)

*Most five-year program students are exempt from this and then must take one methods elective.

Policy Electives

12 cr.

At least 12 elective credits must be from approved course offerings.

Public Policy,

Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's Program

Only available to TCNJ students who begin at the undergraduate level.

Program code: POLS_MPP01

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This accelerated program offers candidates the opportunity to graduate in five years with a BA in Political Science and a Master of Public Policy.

Admission Requirements

TCNJ Political Science students may apply in the fall semester of the junior year to the Political Science Department through the Master of Public Policy website. Minimum GPA requirement of 3.0 or higher with a 3.4 or higher in the Political Science major. GRE requirements and application fees are waived. Accepted students take their first three graduate courses in the spring semester of their senior year.

Required Courses: Senior Year

9 cr.

PUBG 501 The Policy Process in Theory and Practice

PUBG 503 Microeconomics & Public Policy

PUBG 511 Program Evaluation & Causal Inference for Policy Analysis

Formal admission to the Master of Public Policy program occurs after conferral of the bachelor's degree and the successful completion of the three graduate-level courses.

Students then begin post-bachelor's graduate coursework in the summer following commencement, taking 1-2 courses. Students complete the remaining 7-8 required courses in one academic year of full-time study.

Graduate Certificate in Public Policy

15 credits

Program code: POLS_CER01

Daniel Bowen, Associate Professor (bowend@tcnj.edu)

The Graduate Certificate in Public Policy is designed for students pursuing training in related fields like public health, education and education administration, and business for whom additional training in public and policy making would be advantageous.

Admission Requirements

Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution.

Completion Requirements

15 credits

Required Courses

15 cr.

PUBG 501 The Policy Process in Theory and Practice

PUBG 502 Public Budgeting and Management

PUBG 503 Microeconomics & Public Policy

PUBG 511 Program Evaluation and Causal Inference for
Policy Analysis

PUBG 605 Health Politics and Policy* OR

PUBG 610 Environmental Policy*

*Would serve as certificate capstone