

# School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Christopher Fisher, Interim Dean

## 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

- A completed online application.
- 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 typically 3.0 cumulative, 3.4 in the English major.

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.

#### 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**

*May be completed as part of the Master of Arts in Professional Studies.*

15 credits

Program code: WGST\_CER01

Leigh-Anne Francis, Associate Professor (francisL@tcnj.edu)

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***

A completed online application.

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***

A completed online application.

Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution.

Transcripts.

Letters of recommendation.

Writing sample.

*Optional: GRE or GMAT scores, though students with an undergraduate GPA below 3.0 are encouraged to take the exam.*

### **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

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

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**

*May be completed as part of the Master of Arts in Professional Studies.*

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 knowledge in public policy making would be advantageous.

#### **Admission Requirements**

A completed online application.

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

### **World Languages and Cultures**

#### **Spanish and English as a Second Language/ Bilingual Education, Accelerated Programs**

*Please see the program entry in the School of Education section.*

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