

African-American Studies

Faculty: Fisher, chair; Brown-Glaude, Pearson (*affiliated*), Sow, Williams

African-American Studies (AAS) at The College of New Jersey involves the study of persons of African descent in Africa and its Diaspora. Through the arts, humanities and social sciences, courses in AAS explore the complex questions of racial and ethnic difference in ways that place the story of persons of African descent at the center of human events and scholarly discourse. AAS courses also reach beyond the shores of the US to give TCNJ students a global perspective on those questions that frame national debate and their personal lives.

AAS student-scholars learn theoretical and applied skills that are central to a liberal arts education. The department's interdisciplinary and diasporic focus provides a comprehensive understanding of global Africana culture and history as well as US political, social, and cultural development.

AAS students and faculty are committed to community outreach. To that end, the department and its curriculum have a long tradition of service to, and leadership in, "community-engaged learning" activities.

Students who complete the the African-American Studies minor will gain skills that they can employ in any vocation, as well as any cultural, social, political, or intellectual endeavor. The department's emphasis on critical thinking, technological proficiency, writing skills and ability to do research, bridges the broader content of TCNJ's curriculum and prepares students for the challenges of their chosen career as well as post-baccalaureate studies.

A minor consisting of five course units is offered.

Awards are presented annually to outstanding students in the department.

African-American Studies Minor

Required Courses:

AAS 205/African-American History to 1865	1 course unit
AAS 206/African-American History Since 1865	1 course unit
Options (by advisement)	3 course units
Total	5 course units