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General Information

Department of Art & Art History

THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

Founded in 1855 as the New Jersey State Normal School, TCNJ is primarily an undergraduate and residential college with targeted graduate programs. The College and its exceptional students, teacher-scholars, staff, alumni, and board members constitute a diverse community of learners who are dedicated to free inquiry and open exchange, to excellence in teaching, creativity, scholarship, and citizenship, and to the transformative power of education. TCNJ prepares students to excel in their chosen fields and is proud of its public service mission to educate regional and national leaders. A highly competitive institution, the College excels in the education of those who seek to sustain and advance the communities in which they live.

THE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS AND COMMUNICATION

Enrolling over 800 undergraduate students annually, the school offers rigorous, relevant academic programs across Art and Art History, Communication Studies, Interactive Multimedia, Journalism and Professional Writing, and Music. Ours is a supportive community of scholars, where faculty, staff, and students work together on creative projects and original research—the kind of action-based education that prepares new generations to lead change and solve problems in our fields. Employing a unique foundation of core skills, the school cultivates social inclusiveness, intellectual curiosity, technical mastery, disciplinary fluency, and an appreciation of the power of creativity.

“Study art in a diverse, liberal arts environment at a top public institution in the Northeast region”
(U.S. News)



THE ART AND ART HISTORY DEPARTMENT

The Department of Art and Art History offers the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree (BFA) in Visual Arts (with specializations in Fine Arts, Graphic Design, and Photography/Video); and The Bachelor of Arts degree (BA) in Art Education and in Art History. All our programs are fully accredited by NASAD (National Association of Schools of Art and Design). Students may minor in Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Photography/Video and Art History. Our programs help students develop strong conceptual and technical skills through their exposure to and understanding of electronic and physical media. The Department provides resources beyond the studio and classroom, bridging the gap between a liberal arts education and active, professional engagement.

Our carefully crafted curricula provide students with fundamental skills in their first two years, leading to specialized courses that demand advanced conceptual and technical abilities. For graphic designers and visual artists we emphasize professional development through internships, participation in juried exhibitions and design competitions, and assembly of professional portfolios, CVs, and artist statements. For art educators, we support and guide student teachers with studio engagement and student teaching opportunities. Art History majors progress from introductory courses to seminars on specialized topics or issues, combined with internships and/or international study.

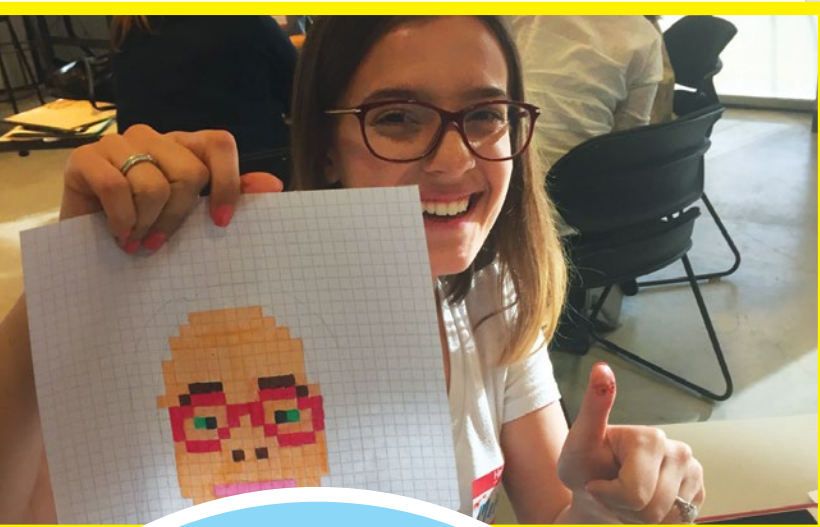
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WHY GO TO TCNJ?

- The College's cultural, social, and intellectual environment is enriched by community diversity.
- The College is dedicated to fostering personal development and wellness on the individual level.
- The College embraces its heritage and is committed to the changing needs of society.
- The College prepares students to be successful, ethical, and visionary leaders in a multicultural, technological, and increasingly global world.
- The College promotes genuine cross-cultural interaction.

WHY PURSUE A MINOR IN ADDITION TO AN ART DEGREE?

In conjunction with our rigorous art programs, many students pursue minors to expand intellectual horizons, enrich career prospects, or to fulfill personal interests. Popular minors for Art students include Communication Studies, Interactive Multimedia, Marketing, Psychology, and many others. These flexible programs encourage students to explore unique academic paths and grow into well-rounded scholars.

THE LOCATION:

TCNJ is situated on the Northeast Corridor in close proximity to museums, galleries and major collections, and historic monuments. These venues provide exceptional opportunities for students, whether professional or academic. Students can apply for internships, participate in archival research, engage with the contemporary art and design world, and experience visual culture and its creative process firsthand; field trips to New York, Philadelphia, and Princeton are regular components of many courses.

THE AIMM BUILDING

The Art and Interactive Multimedia Building provides nearly 70,000 square feet of studios, classrooms, computer labs, offices, and display space. The building includes drawing, painting and printmaking studios as well as a wood shop, plaster area, metal fabrication area, ceramics studio, digital arts labs/studios, photography studios, as well as student exhibition spaces like The College of New Jersey Art Gallery.

All Art Education, Art History and Visual Arts Majors have 24-hour swipe card access.

