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The Greenbook is inspired by the Jim Crow era, where laws were state and local statutes that legalized racial segregation. Thus, the Negro Motorist Green Book, popularly known as the Green Book, was a travel guide intended to help African American motorists avoid social obstacles prevalent during the period of racial segregation, commonly referred to as Jim Crow.

We put this Greenbook together because many in our community feel that they need safe spaces and resources to navigate within a large institution, currently with less than 7% Black Students.

The goal is to share the word and help incoming students, transfer students and current students at Rutgers to become involved and learn more about how they can utilize tools to improve their experience as a Black student on campus.
Highly rated Africana Studies courses you can take at Rutgers NB
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"African Americans in Sport with Prof. Plummer. He is real and actually cares about his course. He makes sure you understand the purpose and impact of what we are learning."
   - Jada, 2021

"My favorite Africana Studies course is Black Profiles taught by Professor Ramachandran. She’s such an amazing lecturer and I loved the way that the class was centered around Black comedic legends. We need more teachers like her and courses like this one."
   - Ronald Gibson, 2021

"For those interested in health care: Health disparities within the African American Community with Dr. Khan; [it] combined health care and social justice issues, and discussed solutions that could be implemented."
   - Alla Rahama, 2021
Professor Bonadie
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"Professor Bonadie!!! Not only has he supported students physically by attending events and photographing them for memory sake and highlights but if asked, he tries to provide support in anyway he can."
Alla Rahama, 2021

Professor Bonadie he is always very active on campus and tries to attend events run by Black students. He is a great ally and a wonderful role model and is always willing to teach you something new."
Britney Owusu-Dapaah, 2021

Dr. Elizabeth Gunn
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"Dr. Elizabeth Gunn- She’s the Assistant Director of Douglass Residential College and an amazing woman. She taught at Morgan State University for years before coming to Rutgers and the amount of awareness and understanding she has for the needs of Black students is impeccable. I’ve felt very safe to talk about my struggles as a Black woman with her. She’s definitely one of my favorite professors of all time."
-Asia Davis, 2021
"As a student of color pursuing a career in the medical field, a professional staff member that has aided me in my journey has been Dr. Khan. He’s the director of the ODASIS program and adjunct professor in the Africana Studies department. He has encouraged me to remain steadfast in my hopes of becoming a physician and done everything in his power to put me in a position to excel. He’s an amazing man!"
- Ronald Gibson, 2020

"Professor Plumber and he helped me with understanding the exact process of how black slavery affects the mind in America. Also Professor Ramsamy who I proposed the idea of black economic freedom and he confirmed my plans as a possibility."
- Omankeh J.T. Samura, 2021
Allies On Campus

Professor Banyard  
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"Professor Victoria Banyard- she works for the Center for Violence Against Women and Children and I took her Interpersonal Violence course. She’s such an amazing ally when it comes to recognizes the abuses that goes on in our community and finding interventions and preventions for our specific needs."
-Asia Davis, 2021

Cherell Smith - Senior EOF Counselor  
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"She is not my counselor but during my enrollment process she was kind, patient and willing to go above and beyond to help me. As a black student going to a university where there are a small percentage of African Americans, it was nice to know that I could have someone to understand me and my struggles. Still to this day, we have not talked in three years, but I remember her kindness and reassurance."
-Jessica Fanfan, 2021
"I’ve learned that the Black experience is multifaceted as a result of participating in Black organizations on campus. With this understanding, I was able to form strong bonds and connections with an amazing and diverse group of people during college."

- Ronald Gibson, 2020
BLACK STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**Academic/Preprofessional**
- Collegiate 100
- Black Business Association (BBA)
- Minority Association of Pre-Health Students (MAPS)
- Minority Engineering Educational Task (MEET)
- Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
- pubBLACations
- VOICE Magazine
- Routside Magazine

**Advocacy**
- The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- Black Lives Matter Rutgers
- Black Student Union (BSU)
- BlueFootPrintProject
- Sister2Sister

**Governing**
- The United Black Council (UBC)
- Douglass Black Student Congress (DBSC)
BLACK STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Cultural

Afro-Latinx Student Organization (ALSO)
Haitian Association at Rutgers University (HARU)
The Organization for African Students and Friends of Africa (TWSE)
Wanawake
West Indian Student Organization (WISO)
RU Curly

Artistic

Verbal Mayhem
RU Black Aesthetic

Religious

Liberated Gospel Choir
A-LIFE Rutgers
BLACK STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Men's Groups
Black Men's Collective (BMC)

Women's Groups
Sisters with Values (SWV)
Douglass DIVAS

Greek Life
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc.
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.
How Is Being Involved With Black Rutgers Beneficial?

"It's opened me to new friendships, awakened interests in other fields, and allowed me to find the balance between social and academic relationships"
- Brianna O, 2021

"I have learned more about Black history and embraced more of my culture. It is so amazing to see young Black professionals be so successful and also see what people before me have accomplished. It is very empowering. Also I have met many like minded people!"
-Britney Owusu-Dapaah 2021

"[By providing] the many connections I've gained, the friends I've made, the resources and knowledge I've obtained, and a sense of community."
- Alla Rahama, 2021

"My participation has made college unforgettable. I will never forget the memories I've made and the opportunities I've had."
- Vanessa Owusu 2021
TIPS & TRICKS

HOW TO SURVIVE AT RUTGERS

We asked real Black Rutgers Students for advice!
Upperclassmen Advice to Freshmen and Transfer Students

"Make connections early on. Perfect your study habits that work best for you. Take care of yourself and give yourself breaks when needed"

"Get a friend that matches your energy to the fullest. Someone who wants to engage and explore as many things as you do. You don’t have to be best friends and you may not be friends by the time you reach Senior year, but it’s always good to take your first steps in college with a buddy."

"Don't be afraid to ask for help! Go to office hours and try to build relationships with them, it can come in handy later for career opportunities, or recommendation letters."

"Don’t overwhelm yourself and take things slow"
"Classes are harder than people expect"
-VO

"Do your own research don’t always trust people but be open to listen to different opportunities people have and advice and look for teachers and advisor mentors to get close with to help"
-MM

“You may be the only black person in your class a lot of times but you will get used to it. The important thing to know with this is that you do belong and you are worth it just like everyone else in your class."
-JF

"The Black population is small but it’s powerful. Also financial aid really pulls through, you just have to be committed and tough to get the money you need. There are also so many people are campus that can help you financially, especially as a Black student, ask around for them."
-AD
Common Safe Spaces On Campus

Libraries
Paul Robeson Cultural Center
Student Centers
Dining Halls
ODASIS
The Gym
Your Dorm