Truman State University has a nationwide reputation for providing a quality education at an affordable price. The last seven years, U.S. News & World Report has ranked Truman as the No. 1 public university in the midwest and the school is widely known as one of the best values in the nation. Truman is a very distinctive institution – one of about only twenty public liberal arts and sciences institutions in the nation. It has a longstanding tradition of excellence and achievement and is an outstanding learning community of scholars, artists, and professional educators dedicated to the success of its students.

Undergraduate education is the top priority of the institution. With a total enrollment of less than 6,000 students and a student/faculty ratio of 14:1, Truman is large enough to provide a diverse experience, but small enough to provide all of its students personal attention to their needs and interests.

As a nationally recognized university known for its strong student learning outcomes and its commitment to assessment and continuous improvement, Truman is a place where students learn to excel. Truman has the highest graduation rate of any public university in Missouri; in addition, more than 40 percent of these graduates are entering graduate and professional school after graduation. The faculty and staff are here not only to provide academic challenges, but also to foster a supportive environment that enables students to meet these challenges while learning about themselves and the world around them.

Truman believes that the best preparation for the future, regardless of a student’s ultimate career choice, is a strong liberal arts and sciences education. Truman also expects each student to develop an in-depth knowledge and mastery of a discipline chosen from one of more than 40 programs in eight academic divisions. Students are encouraged to expand their horizons and explore many different fields of thought as they work closely with the exceptional faculty and other academically talented students. Since learning occurs outside the classroom as well as inside, Truman students are encouraged to undertake research projects with faculty, to participate in study abroad programs, and to develop their leadership capacity through active participation in student organizations.

The University seeks well-prepared, motivated students with broad educational interests who desire the advantages of a residential college experience. Our students come from virtually every county of Missouri as well as more than 39 states and 49 countries. Truman’s reputation is built on the ability of its faculty and staff to help students achieve academic excellence while developing their full potential for responsible citizenship in the 21st century.

Truman is committed to the advancement of knowledge, to freedom of thought and inquiry, and to the personal, social and intellectual growth of each of its students. The University strives to maintain a recognized standard of excellence in all of its educational endeavors and a responsible stewardship of the resources provided by the people of Missouri.

Truman State University is located in Kirksville, Mo., a city with a population of approximately 17,000. Kirksville offers a safe and friendly environment that is intertwined with many advantages of a larger city.

Truman students enjoy spending their free time at Kirksville’s Downtown Cinema 8, or the new community Aquatic Center, featuring a 6-lane indoor pool, an outdoor pool, and an incredible waterslide. You will also find Truman students enjoying the outdoors at Thousand Hills State Park. This 3,252 acre park just 2 miles west of Kirksville offers many recreational activities including camping, hiking, biking, swimming, motor boating, sailing, water skiing, and fishing.

What Others Say:
- The 2004 edition of Kaplan’s Unofficial, Unbiased, Insider’s Guide to the 328 Most Interesting Colleges named Truman as one of the best values in the nation.
- Truman is one of the top ten universities for offering the best academic experience for the money and was ranked 8th in the social category based upon the number of social opportunities available on campus. The Princeton Review: “The Best 351 Colleges,” 2004
- Kiplinger’s Personal Finance Magazine described Truman as one of the nation’s top 100 public institutions where a high-caliber college education can be affordable too.
- Bottom Line Personal Newsletter listed Truman in an article “Excellent Educations for Much, Much Less.”
- Other schools mentioned included the University of California at Berkeley, Rutgers University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- Truman State University was highlighted as one of “50 Colleges That Dare To Be Different.”
- Truman was recognized as one of the “100 Coolest Colleges” and was listed as a college that deserves more attention. Seventeen Magazine, October 2002 (online version).

2004 Truman State University Men’s Soccer

University President
Barbara Dixon

Barbara Dixon became the 14th president of Truman State University on July 1, 2003. Dixon is the first female to serve as Truman’s president. Before coming to Truman, Dixon served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at the State University of New York at Geneseo, a public liberal arts university, from 1997-2003.

She previously spent 27 years at Central Michigan University where she was a faculty member, chair of the Academic Senate and associate dean and interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Dixon has both a B.M. and M.M. in applied piano from Michigan State University and a D.M.A. in piano performance, literature and pedagogy from the University of Colorado.

She is a member of several honor societies including Alpha Lambda Delta, Mortar Board, Pi Kappa Lambda and Phi Kappa Phi. Dixon also holds memberships in the National Music Teachers Association and Delta Omicron, a professional music organization, and is an honorary member of Phi Eta Sigma and Golden Key.

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Campus Facts
Location: Kirksville, Missouri
Kirksville Population: 17,300
Undergraduate Enrollment: approximately 5,500
Graduate Enrollment: approximately 200
International Enrollment: approximately 270 students from 50 different countries
Male/Female Ratio: 42:58
Student/Faculty Ratio: 15:1
Average Class Size: 22 students
Average ACT of Incoming Freshmen: 27.4
Average GPA of Incoming Students: 3.77/4.00
Percent in the Top Quarter of Their Class: 81
Percentage of Freshman Courses Taught by Full-time Faculty: 95%
Percentage of Full-time Faculty with Ph.D.s: 85%
Graduate Placement: 99%
Percentage of Graduates Immediately Entering Graduate School: 44%
Academic Year: 15-week semesters
Average Cost of Books: $500-600 per year
Number of Organizations on Campus: approximately 200
Average Size of Greek Sororities and Fraternities: 22% of women
31% of men
Size of Campus: 140 acres

Complete information for prospectus students can be found on the web at: http://admissions.truman.edu
Truman Athletics

2004 NCAA Champion Women's Swimming Team

The Truman State University athletics department has a rich history of success and recently has become one of the top all-around athletics departments in NCAA Division II – both for their student-athletes achievements on the field and in the classrooms.

Truman athletics can be traced back to 1900 when the school’s football team played its first official game. Since then, some of the top Division II athletes in the Midwest, and even in the country, have displayed their skills in Kirksville, including a NBA Hall of Famer, an Olympic Gold Medalist and numerous Bulldogs who played professionally in their respective sports.

Today, the athletic programs at Truman are having more success than ever before. Last year alone, 13 of the school’s teams earned bids to the NCAA Tournament or had individuals participate at the NCAA Championships. Highlighting the team’s national success was the women’s swim team, which won its fourth straight NCAA title, and the men’s soccer team, which went undefeated in regular season play and advanced to the NCAA Quarterfinals. Three Bulldog teams - volleyball, women’s soccer and softball - won MIAA championships in 2003-04 and the volleyball team also captured the MIAA tournament title. Individual success included four NCAA champions as wrestler Merrick Meyer won the national 141-pound title, swimmer Liia Kaleps-Clark won the NCAA 200-yard backstroke and track athletes Christina Winkler and James Walton captured national outdoor titles in the 400m hurdles and long jump events, respectively. Three different Bulldog women’s swim relay teams also captured NCAA titles.

During the 2003-04 school year, 38 Bulldogs were recognized with all-American honors and volleyball player Sarah Shearman received national freshman of the year honors. Women’s swimming coach Colleen Murphy was named the national coach of the year for the second straight season and two other Truman coaches received conference coach of the year honors.

The Truman Athletics Department was rewarded for its 2003-04 success with a third-place finish among NCAA Division II schools in the United States Sports Academy Directors’ Cup. The Directors’ Cup standings measure the overall success of athletics departments during NCAA Championship competitions.

The Bulldogs have now finished in the top-five twice in the last three years and have finished in the top-10 in six straight season.

Truman athletes also get the job done in the classrooms. In the 2003 NCAA Academic Achievement awards, which ranked Division II graduation rates for a school’s 1996 freshman class, Truman tied for ninth nationally with a 78% graduation rate. Only one other school in NCAA Division II ranked in the top 10 in both the Directors’ Cup and NCAA Academic Achievement awards.

Since 2000, Truman has had 27 academic all-Americans, as selected by members of CoSIDA. Only one other Division II school has collected more academic all-American honors during that span.

Last year, football player Tameen Yehyawi and swimmers Sarah Dance and Diane Betsworth were first-team academic all-American selections and women’s soccer player Sara Murray was a second-team pick.

Truman was one of the founding schools of the MIAA, which now stands for the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association. Current members of the conference are Central Missouri, Emporia State, Missouri-Rolla, Missouri Southern, Missouri Western, Northwest Missouri, Pittsburg State, Southwest Baptist, Truman and Washburn.

2004 Directors’ Cup Top 10

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What’s In A Nickname

Why was the nickname, Bulldogs, selected for Truman State University? O.C. Bell in 1908 referred to his performers as Bulldogs, but it wasn’t an official designation. So far as is known, this term wasn’t used again until the spring of 1915. At the time, a committee of students, including the late President Emeritus Walter H. Byle, recommended the adoption of the “Bulldog” as the official emblem because of the beast’s tenacity and ability to fight desperately to the end.

The spirit of the Bulldog has been evident since the name was selected 89 years ago. It’s not unique though, as at least 16 NCAA schools have adopted the "Bulldog".

Director of Athletics
Jerry Wollmering
Jerry Wollmering was named the Director of Athletics at Truman in September of 1999. Since coming to Kirksville, Wollmering has helped Truman become one of the top athletics departments in the country – both athletically and academically.

Last year, the Bulldogs were one of two schools in NCAA Division II to rank in the top 10 nationally in the NACDA Directors’ Cup and the NCAA Academic Achievement Awards.

Prior to coming to Truman, Wollmering served as associate athletics director of finance and administration at Bowling Green State University in Ohio since January of 1998. He was also the assistant athletics director for financial affairs for two years at BGSU, prior to his becoming an associate AD. Wollmering earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting from Drake University in 1987, and a master's degree in physical education and athletic administration from Kent State University in 1993. He is also a certified public accountant with experience as an auditor.

Before arriving at Bowling Green, Wollmering was an assistant athletic director at Southeast Missouri State University, a Division I program, for approximately 18 months. While working on his master's degree, Wollmering was a graduate assistant to the athletic director at Kent.

A native of Ft. Madison, Iowa, he was a varsity letterman in cross country and track at Drake. Wollmering and his wife, Alicia, have three daughters: Leah, Erica and Kate.