Truman State University has a nationwide reputation for providing a quality education at an affordable price.

The last eight 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 15:1, 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, hiking, swimming, motor boating, sailing, water skiing, and fishing.

Kirksville is within a three-hour drive from several large cities, including St. Louis, Kansas City and Des Moines.

**CAMPUS FACTS**

- Location: Kirksville, Missouri
- Kirksville Population: 17,000
- Undergraduate Enrollment: approximately 5,800
- Graduate Enrollment: approximately 250
- International Enrollment: approximately 250 students from 50 different countries
- Male/Female Ratio: 41:59
- Student/Faculty Ratio: 15:1
- Average Class Size: 22 students
- Average ACT Midrange: 25-30
- Average GPA of Incoming Students: 3.76/4.00
- Percentage with GPA of 3.25 or higher: 93%
- 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: over 200
- Percentage Involved in Greek Sororities and Fraternities: 20% of women
- 30% of men

Size of Campus: 140 acres

Complete information for prospective students can be found on the web at: [http://admissions.truman.edu](http://admissions.truman.edu)
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 Basketball Hall of Famer (former NBA star Harry Gallatin), an Olympic Gold Medalist (track athlete Ray Armstead) and numerous other Bulldogs who played professionally in their respective sports.

Today, the athletic programs at Truman are having more success than ever before. Last year alone, 15 of the school’s 21 teams earned bids to the NCAA Tournament or had individuals participate at the NCAA Championships. Highlighting the school’s national success was the women’s swim team, which tied a NCAA Division II record by winning its fifth straight national title.

Two Bulldog teams - volleyball and women’s soccer - won MIAA championships in 2004-05 and the volleyball team also captured the MIAA tournament title. Those two programs did not lose a contest during the regular season in 2004.

Individual success included 32 athletes earning all-American honors and 64 receiving all-MIAA accolades. Two women’s swimming relay teams won national titles at last year’s national championships. No Bulldog individually won a national title in 2004-05, but individuals in eight events had runner-up finishes at national events.

One coach earned national coach of the year honors and two others received coach of the year awards at the conference level. The Truman Athletics Department was rewarded for its 2004-05 success with an eighth-place finish among NCAA Division II schools in the United States Sports Academy Directors’ Cup. The Directors’ Cup standings measures the overall success of athletics departments during NCAA Championship competitions. The Bulldogs have now finished in the top-10 in seven straight seasons, including a third-place showing in 2003-04.

Truman athletes also get the job done in the classrooms. In the latest release, Truman student-athletes had a 71% graduation rate, tying for the highest rate among MIAA schools and being among the higher marks in the nation. That rate was 13% higher than the average MIAA rate and 18% higher than the Division II national average.

Since 2000, Truman has had 31 academic all-Americans, as selected by members of CoSIDA. Only one Division II school has collected more academic all-American honors during that span.

Last year, swimmer Sarah Dance was named the academic all-American of the year in the at-large division. Swimmer Diana Betsworth was a first-team academic all-American, women’s soccer player Sara Murray was a second-team choice and men’s soccer athlete Jared Atwood was a third-team pick in their respective categories.

Dance and Murray also received two other major honors in 2005.

Dance won the prestigious NCAA Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship. The $21,500 scholarship is given to just one male and one female each year among NCAA athletes.

Murray received the Ken B. Jones award, the highest honor given by the MIAA. The award recognizes the top junior or senior student-athlete in the conference based on athletic accomplishments, academic accomplishments and community service.

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 Southern, Missouri Western, Northwest Missouri, Pittsburg State, Southwest Baptist, Truman and Washburn. Fort Hays State will join the league in 2006-07.

Truman MIAA Titles By Sport

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* The MIAA has discontinued championships in men’s soccer and wrestling

Why was the nickname "Bulldog" 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. Ryle, 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 90 years ago. It’s not unique though, as at least 16 NCAA schools have adopted the “Bulldog” nickname.
The Truman Soccer Park was constructed in 1982 and was used for the first time in 1983. Before construction, the men’s soccer team practiced and competed at Stokes Stadium. Located southwest of Campbell apartments, the park features a natural grass pitch and practice field with an in-ground irrigation system running in an east-west direction.

There are aluminum bleachers on the north side of the playing field for approximately 250 people. In 2003, the park added additional space to accommodate temporary bleachers for larger crowds. The north side also features a wooden press box area that has a capacity for six media personnel, statisticians and camera persons. Admission to the press area is by pass only.

The player’s benches are located on the south side of the playing field with both teams’ locker facilities located at Pershing Arena.

The field played host to its first NCAA tournament game in 1995 when the men’s team took on Mercyhurst (Pa.) in quarterfinal action of the NCAA Division II Tournament. The women’s soccer team hosted its first NCAA games in 2001. The largest crowd to see a game at the park was just over 900 for the 2003 Men’s National Quarterfinals against Findlay Univ. (Ohio).