Truman State University

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 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 challenge, 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 59 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.

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

**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
- Percentage of Freshman Students from 50 different countries
- Male/Female Ratio: 42:58
- Student/Faculty Ratio: 15:1
- Average Class Size: 22 students
- Average ACT Midrange: 25-30
- 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
- Percentage Involved in 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

**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.
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- 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." ELLEgirl magazine, August 2003
- 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)
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.

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 seasons.

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.

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### 2003 NCAA Academic Achievement Awards

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* Overall 1996 freshman graduation rates

### 2004 NCAA Champion Women’s Swimming Team

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.

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### 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”.

### Truman Athletics

Jerry W. Wollmering was named the Director of Athletics at Truman in September of 1999.

Since coming to Kirksville, Wollmering has helped Truman be 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 NCAA 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.
Pershing Natatorium

The Truman men’s and women’s swimming teams participate in Pershing Natatorium on the Truman State University campus.

Pershing Building was named in honor of General John J. Pershing, the commander of the American Expeditionary Forces to France during World War I and one of Truman’s most distinguished alumni. Pershing Building is a two-story red brick and stone structure located on the south end of campus.

In 1967, a north wing was added to the building. The addition featured another gymnasium, a dance studio, classrooms and offices. Also included in the south wing are indoor racquetball courts and offices.

Pershing features a variety of athletics equipment, including a newly remodeled weight room, an indoor rubber track and complete athletics training facilities.

In 1976, the south wing was added, which houses the Natatorium, with a six-lane, 40-yard swimming pool. The pool is equipped with a movable bulkhead and electronic timing devices. The stands above the north side of the pool provide room for up to 500 fans.

Weight Room

Truman has three weight rooms that are at the disposal of the athletes. The largest is the free weights room which is located on the west side of the Pershing Arena on the third floor. This room was renovated during the summer of 2000. The renovations included new ventilation and equipment, and general refurbishment of the interior. Approximately 2,600 square feet, it accommodates 40-45 athletes at a time with eight separate power stations complete with platforms and bumper plates for a wide variety of strength training and rehabilitation. The Nautilus room is located on the east side of the arena near the ramp that leads to the natatorium. The third weight room is the aquatic weight room and is located at the bottom of the ramp on the east side.

Sports Medicine

The Athletic Training staff works with all Truman athletes to provide prevention, acute care, and rehabilitation for all athletic injuries. Three certified athletic trainers (ATCs) and two team physicians in cooperation with the coaching staff ensure that student-athletes practice and compete safely. The athletic training staff is present at games and practices to quickly assess any injury and provide immediate care. Any student-athlete suffering an injury receives treatment and rehabilitative services in one of the athletic training facilities.

The main athletic training facility is located in the northeast corner of Pershing Arena. This athletic training room serves athletes utilizing the facilities in Pershing and those practicing and competing in the outdoor fields and courts. It contains six treatment tables and two taping tables, two whirlpools, muscle stimulation, ultrasound, and a variety of other modalities that are available to treat injured athletes. The offices of the head and assistant athletic trainers are located in this facility.

A second athletic training facility is located in the north end of the Bulldog kennels. This athletic training room services athletes using the outdoor track and the football fields. It contains eight treatment tables, four taping tables and four whirlpools.

Athletics Staff Directory

Director of Athletics-Jerry Wollmering ......................... 4235
Senior Woman Administrator-Colleen Murphy ............... 7219
Asst. Director of Athletics/Compliance-B.J. Pumroy .......... 4540
Athletics Secretary-Peggy Clark ................................ 4235
Athletics Media Relations
Asst. Director of Athletics-Kevin White ....................... 4276
Media Relations Assistant-Daniel Newton .................... 7778
Athletics Media Relations FAX ................................ 7475
Swimming Head Coach-Colleen Murphy ....................... 7219
Swimming Assistant Coach-Joe Fantthorp .................... 6040
Football Head Coach-Shannon Carrier ....................... 4252
Associate Head Coach-Scott Strommeier ..................... 4235
Assistant Football Coach-Aaron Rasset ....................... 7494
Assistant Football Coach-Charlie Flohr ....................... 4012
Assistant Football Coach-Daric Riley ......................... 4262
Assistant Football Coach-Wallie Kuchinski ................. 4170
Assistant Football Coach-Mike Harris ......................... 4170
Men’s Soccer Head Coach-Alf Bilbao ......................... 4168
Women’s Soccer Head Coach-Mike Cannon ................. 4463
Volleyball Head Coach-Qi Wang ................................. 4468
Volleyball Assistant Coach-Carrie Lundy ..................... 4465
Men’s Basketball Head Coach-Jack Schrader ................. 4171
Men’s Basketball Assistant Coach-Tim Deidrick ............ 4272
Women’s Basketball Head Coach-John Sloop ................. 4459
Women’s Basketball Assistant Coach-Marine Fauser ........ 7562
Men’s Cross Country & Track Head Coach-Ed Schneider .... 4542
Women’s Cross Country & Track Head Coach-John Cochrane 4541
Women’s Track & Field Assistant Coach-Michelle Baier .... 6039
Baseball Head Coach-Lawrence Scully ....................... 6035
Softball Head Coach-Lacey Schanz ............................ 4343
Softball Assistant Coach-Elizabeth Economom ............. 4343
Men’s Golf Head Coach-Tom Dremann ....................... 665-5335
Women’s Golf Head Coach-Sam Lesseg ...................... 4090
Tennis Head Coach-Pete Kendall .............................. 7258
Wrestling Head Coach-Dave Schutter ....................... 7257
Head Trainer-Michelle Boyd ................................. 4343
Asst. Trainer-Eric Hornung .................................. 7521
Asst. Trainer-Adam Cline .................................... 6055

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