

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH & LINGUISTICS



Understand the World Through Literature and Language

Forge your own path in the department by choosing from nearly 100 diverse courses – from Beowulf to gender theory, film studies to Jane Austen, sociolinguistics to young adult literature.

As a Linguistics major or minor, study how languages interact with other facets of human experience such as society, the mind, and gender.

Major in Creative Writing and you'll get to work with passionate writers, attend readings by published writers from across the country and world, and gain practical experience in writing and publishing.

As an English major or minor, you'll focus on the cultural and historical diversities that shape literature from different cultures and times, extending your understanding and enjoyment of literature.

Throughout their time at Truman, students in each of these programs develop the critical thinking, research and communication skills that will make them stand out in fulfilling careers.



"My writing and editing skills are still being put to use at Discovery Education in Chicago while working on a digital math textbook. Yes, math!"

Meghan Newton, Class of 2013
Internship completed: Editorial Content Intern at Discovery Education in Chicago, IL
Involvement at Truman: Sigma Kappa Sorority, Alpha Sigma Gamma, The Society of Dance Arts, and facilitator for a college course in Principles of Communication
Post-Graduate Experience: Started working as a Content Coordinator for a company specializing in digital textbooks and educational development.
Hometown: St. Louis, MO

PURSUING ENGLISH & LINGUISTICS

BA DEGREES OFFERED English	BS Linguistics DEGREE OFFERED
MA DEGREES OFFERED English	BFA DEGREE OFFERED Creative Writing

MINORS OFFERED

English, Linguistics, Applied Linguistics, and department supports minors in African-American Studies, Asian Studies, Celtic Studies, Cognitive Science, Disability Studies, Environmental Science, Film Studies, Folklore, International Studies, Medieval Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies

475 | **170**

approximate number of students pursuing one of these majors

approximate number of students pursuing one of these minors

27 full-time faculty members | **3** part-time faculty members

LITERARY JOURNALS AND PUBLICATIONS
The Chariton Review, Green Hills Literary Lantern, Windfall

Small Classes & Individual Attention

- Engage with passionate faculty. They are intensely knowledgeable about their subject—whether it be Emily Dickinson's poems, the study of how novels are made into films, or the deep structure of language—but most of all they love teaching.
- Learn from published authors and teaching award recipients
- Discuss writers who have changed the way we think about ourselves and the world. When you take our courses you won't just read more books, you'll think broadly and adventurously about the unique power of language and literature to shape our lives and transform our world.
- Interact in writing courses that are typically limited to 20-22 students, and linguistics and literature courses that are typically limited to 25-30 students.
- Complete independent study for credit with faculty mentors

Real-World Experience

Join efforts to help edit and publish Truman's literary journals and publications.

- The Chariton Review:** This international literary journal was founded in 1975, edited by poet Jim Barnes from 1976 to 2010, and is now edited by creative writing faculty member James D'Agostino.
- Green Hills Literary Lantern:** Truman's online literary journal publishes the best available poetry, short fiction and creative nonfiction from submissions read year around. A new issue comes out each summer.
- Windfall:** Truman State University's student-edited literary and arts magazine provides students with extensive writing, editing, and publishing experiences.

Research

- Receive faculty support in writing papers and presenting at conferences such as Truman's Student Research Conference. Discover new opportunities and gain a professional edge by publishing your work in academic and literary journals.



"At the heart of the liberal arts, English and Linguistics create sites of intersection and connection—between disparate texts, cultures, and time periods—and we invite our students into collaboration on a wide range of creative, professional, and research projects."

Dr. James D'Agostino
Associate Professor of English

Study Abroad

- Truman grants you access to over 500 study abroad opportunities in more than 60 countries
- Monetary assistance is available, including Truman State University Foundation Scholarships
- Cultural loans are available for all programs

Internships

- Extend your learning outside the classroom so you can gain the type of practical, hands-on experience that propels you above the competition in the job market. Test drive a career, make connections, build marketable skills, and earn credit toward your major.
- Majors have completed a range of internships, including the following:
 - Andrews McMeel Publishing; Kansas City, Missouri
 - AFL-CIO; Chester, New Hampshire
 - Barnes Jewish Hospital; St. Louis, Missouri
 - Cerner Corporation; Kansas City, Missouri
 - Country Music Hall of Fame Library; Nashville, Tennessee
 - Hallmark; Kansas City, Missouri
 - Missouri Historical Society; St. Louis, Missouri
 - National Public Radio; Washington, D.C.
 - Sentient Publications; Boulder, Colorado
 - Summer Play Festival; New York City, New York
 - Teaching Conversational English as a Foreign Language; China
 - US Department of State; Washington, D.C.
 - University of Capetown; Capetown, South Africa
 - Zen Del Secondary School; Taiwan

After the Degree (Grad Schools & Employers)

- Pursue a career in nearly any field you can imagine. Recent graduates have used the skills they developed in their studies as digital marketers, human resource professionals, attorneys, television scriptwriters, editors, high school teachers, university professors, novelists, and medical professionals (among other careers).
- Recent graduates have enrolled in diverse graduate programs, including the following:
 - Harvard Law School
 - PhD in Medieval Studies, Washington University in St. Louis
 - University of Texas at Austin
 - PhD in English, Fordham University
 - PhD in Educational Studies, Emory University
 - Monterey Institute of International Studies
 - PhD in English, Vanderbilt University
 - MFA in Screenwriting, University of Southern California