

## CHAPTER 2

### MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY

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2.010. Statutory References. Truman State University is a public corporation organized and existing under the provisions of Chapters 172 and 174 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. Section 174.600 of the statutes provides that:

The "Truman State University" located in Kirksville, Adair County, is hereby designated and shall hereafter be operated as a statewide institution of liberal arts and sciences.

The foregoing section was a part of House Bill No. 196, which was passed during the first regular session of the 86th General Assembly and signed by Governor John D. Ashcroft on June 20, 1985, in a ceremony on the University's campus. The provisions of House Bill No. 196 became effective on January 1, 1986, and are set forth in Sections 174.600 through 174.630 of the statutes. These sections were further amended in 1995 to effect the University's name change.

Source: Chapters 172 and 174, Revised Statutes of Missouri

2.020. Mission Statement. The current mission of the University is stated in the following manner.

The mission of Truman State University is to offer an exemplary undergraduate education to well-prepared students, grounded in the liberal arts and sciences, in the context of a public institution of higher education. To that end the University offers affordable undergraduate studies in the traditional arts and sciences, as well as selected preprofessional, professional, and masters level programs that grow naturally out of the philosophy, values, content, and desired outcomes of a liberal arts education.

Source: *Five Year Planning Document* as approved by the Board of Governors on October 3, 1986, and by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education on April 24, 1987  
*A Higher Order of Excellence* as approved by the Board of Governors on December 6, 1991  
1987 Compilation: Article 38  
Resolutions of the Board dated August 6, 2004 and June 14, 2014

2.030. University Strategic Plan. The value of proper planning is recognized by the Board of Governors. The current University Strategic Plan providing guidance for the future of the University is entitled *Truman Blueprint for Success: Intentional Experiences, Institutional Distinctiveness, Extended Reach, Organizational Excellence, 2016-2020* and was approved by the Board of Governors on October 21, 2016. This strategic plan supersedes all previous long-range plans previously approved by the Board of Governors. A copy of the plan will be made available for review on Truman's web page.

Source: Resolution of the Board dated June 7, 1997, October 11, 2002, August 6, 2004, December 1, 2007, August 6, 2011 and December 3, 2016.