

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES

Be Enriched by the Diversity of Human Experience

Pursue the wondrous complexities of the past. Acquire skills and insight necessary for an exciting and fulfilling future. Think critically, read analytically, solve problems, research carefully, and communicate effectively.

Choose between a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science. Investigate broadly and deeply. Learn from dynamic, award-winning and internationally-acclaimed professors. Collaborate with other bright, ambitious students. At Truman, small classes foster interpersonal relationships among a supportive community of learners. Your professors get to know you on a one-on-one basis and take a genuine interest in your success.

Enrich your college experience and prepare for a life that matters.

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“During my time at Truman, the History Department has become a second home: the faculty are incredible mentors, and I’ve made some of my best friends through the History program.”

Kathryn Spicer, Class of 2015
Pursuing: History
Hometown: Overland Park, KS

PURSUING HISTORY

BA MAJOR OFFERED
BS History
DEGREES OFFERED MINOR OFFERED
History

190

approximate number of students pursuing one of this major

20

approximate number of students pursuing this minor

100% of majors engaged in research

12 full-time faculty members | **3** affiliated faculty members

100% of faculty members have a terminal degree in the field

DEPARTMENTAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
Historical Society and Phi Alpha Theta

Faculty

- Join our numerable History faculty in the exploration of the human experience.
- They come from a variety of places including Sierra Leone, Canada, Great Britain, and Sweden.
- With their diverse backgrounds, and various specialty areas completely different than the rest, when it comes time to conduct your research you will have a number of professors with a vast amount of knowledge at your fingertips.

Student Organizations

- **Phi Alpha Theta:** Strive to join the History honors fraternity. Students are invited once they become eligible.
- **The Historical Society:** Mix both the present and past with service events, fun activities and celebrations of national and international history. The Historical Society is open to all students, including students who are not History majors.
- For more information, contact Dr. Kathryn Brammall (brammall@truman.edu).

Study Abroad

- Participate in a History faculty-led study abroad program. Previous trips include:
 - “Sacred Sites in Greece”
 - “Sweet Power: Sugar, Empires, and Slaves in the Caribbean”
 - “The Art of History” in Italy and Germany
- 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.



“Truman does not only pay lip service to good teaching; that is what is really valued here.”

Dr. Sally West
Professor of History

Research

- Research is essential to the study of history. Choose the topic for your own independent research projects pursued under the guidance of Truman’s outstanding History faculty.
- Explore other cultures through study abroad in places like Greece, Africa, and Ireland.
- Examine the questions that intrigue you. Here are examples of previous research projects completed by History students:
 - Sudden Death: An Examination of Previous Historical Theories Regarding the Collapse of the Classic Maya
 - The French Experience in the California Gold Rush
 - Gettysburg: Critical Event of the Civil War’s Most Pivotal Engagement
 - Witches for the Prosecution: The Judiciary’s Role in Developing the Cumulative Concept of Witchcraft

Internships

- Explore connections between what you learn in class and hands-on experience. The practical skills gained through an internship give you an important edge. Use your knowledge to compete for professional employment and admission to graduate and professional schools.
- Some of the most popular internship opportunities for History majors include:
 - Judicial Archives Project
 - Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library Internship
 - National WWI Museum (Kansas City)
 - For more information, contact Dr. Jeff Gall (jgall@truman.edu)

After the Degree

- Receive excellent preparation for graduate school. More than half of History majors attend graduate and professional schools after graduating from Truman. Follow alumni to schools like:
 - Columbia Law School
 - George Washington University
 - Harvard Law School
 - Stanford University
 - University of Missouri-Columbia
 - Washington University in St. Louis