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DEAN OF RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES

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BLANTON-NASON-BREWER

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CENTENNIAL

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DOBSON

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RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE PROGRAM

Truman's Residential College Program brings the intellectual vitality of the University inside the residence halls. For centuries, residential colleges have been places where faculty and students join together in pursuit of the liberal arts. Through its affiliated faculty, professional staff, facilities, and sponsored activities, the Residential College Program promotes a public liberal arts experience which is personally engaging to all members of the community.

Truman established two residential colleges a decade ago to encourage learning in every facet of a student's life and as a life-long habit. The expanded Residential College Program (RCP) inaugurated in 1999-2000 ensures that all Truman freshmen and most on-campus upperclassmen share in the benefits afforded by a living/learning emphasis.

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The Dean of the Residential Colleges provides administrative leadership for the Residential College Program. The RCP operates in the five major residence halls: Blanton-Nason-Brewer, Centennial, Dobson, Missouri, and Ryle. Affiliated faculty in each hall include a College Rector and Faculty Fellows. The College Rector is a regular member of the Truman faculty who has undertaken certain academic, instructional, and administrative responsibilities in the Residential College Program. The Rector serves as the academic leader in the residence hall, working in cooperation with faculty, Residential Living staff, and students to develop co-curricular programming. The Faculty Fellows are a cross-disciplinary group of faculty who are present in the hall holding office hours, sharing occasional meals with students, or participating in special programs.

Blanton-Nason-Brewer, Centennial, Dobson, Missouri, and Ryle also boast academic support centers staffed by full-time professional Academic Advisors in the Residential College Program. The Student Advisors, who provide essential day-to-day support to all student residents, serve as facilitators, helping students to utilize fully the resources available to them.

FACILITIES

A Residential College Program reception desk, offices for the College Rectors, Faculty Fellows, and Academic Advisors, and a Student Advisors' consult/workroom are found in the residence halls. Most buildings also contain a classroom, conference room, and quiet lounges/libraries and some offer a private dining room as spaces which support the living/learning focus of the RCP.

ADVISING

A team consisting of a Head Academic Advisor and Academic Advisors provides residentially-based academic advising for all freshmen students and undeclared students at Truman. The advisors work closely with faculty in the academic divisions to provide a solid foundation in major programs while offering developmental academic counseling in the liberal arts. All resident students have access to the academic support services offered by this advising team. Whatever the needs may be—registration, tutoring, skills or career workshops, or referrals to faculty—all may be brought directly to the Residential College

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Program professional staff located in the students' residence hall. The Residential College Program advisors offer:

- ◆ Group and individual academic advising
- ◆ Advice on academic regulations and procedures
- ◆ Course registration planning and approval
- ◆ Liberal Studies Program workshops
- ◆ Liaisons with University offices and academic divisions
- ◆ Liberal Arts career counseling
- ◆ Study skills workshops
- ◆ Time management workshops

CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

In a variety of ways, the Residential College Program supports expanded and enriched learning opportunities for members of the residential community.

Select sections of Liberal Arts and Sciences Program courses are taught by Faculty Fellows in the residential classrooms, bringing living and learning together in a new way. The residential setting often promotes greater personal comfort and group cohesiveness in class, a greater willingness to participate in discussion, facilitates out-of-class small group activities and supplemental instruction, and heightens satisfaction with the teaching and learning process for students and faculty alike.

In addition, the Residential College Program offers an eight-week long, one-credit course graded pass/fail. The course description follows:

INDV 150 – Dinner and a Book**1 hour**

In this course, faculty and students will come together over dinner to discuss a book. The book varies from section to section. The book selected for each section is indicated in the schedule of classes.

Co-curricular programming in the residence halls benefits from collaboration between the College Rectors, Faculty Fellows, Residential Living staff, and students. While developmental, social, and recreational programming is typically sponsored by the Residential Living Program, oftentimes initiated by the Student Advisor, Residential College Program activities are focused on expanding students' cultural, intellectual, and public awareness. All-College banquets, "swing" dances, a Holiday Market for charity, International Week events, film series, panels and discussions with Faculty Fellows, foreign language tables, fine arts performances, and speakers series are examples of some typical offerings. Since students generate and help to carry out some of these programs, residents hone leadership skills while following their interests.

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