

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



“The MAE program inspires me to explore education through immersive experiences. The instructors constantly encourage me to contemplate and construct my own philosophy of education, and then urge me to apply it in diverse and challenging situations.”

Matthew Matheny, Class of 2017
Pursuing: Math & Physics double major
Involvement: Education Advisory Board, Learning Technologies Team, True Men (acapella group), NEA and MASSE
After Graduation: Truman's MAE
Hometown: Novinger, MO

Student Organizations

- **International Literacy Association (ILA):** Promote literacy on campus and in the community by reading books with grade school children, holding fundraisers to purchase books, and participating in Box Tops for Education.
- **Kappa Delta Pi:** Join an honorary organization whose members make up the top 20% of educators in the country. You would be a member of a promising community as some former members include Albert Einstein, George Washington Carver, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Margaret Mead. With 1,200,000 educators past and present, you'll be part of a wonderful legacy.
- **Mathematics and Science Secondary Education (MASSE):** Interested in teaching math or science? Join Mathematics and Science undergrads and current MAE graduate students in learning more about MAE program requirements, listening to guest speakers, and planning trips to various math conferences. (We also hear that many meetings include math games and snacks!)
- **National Education Association (NEA):** Become a member of a local affiliate of a national professional organization that advocates for public schools, public school students, and public school employees.
- **Student Missouri State Teacher Association (SMSTA):** Join this local affiliate of a state professional organization open to any Education student planning to teach in Missouri schools. Members benefit from service projects, professional development, and the liability insurance required for field experience.
- **Students Supporting the Exceptional Community (SSEC):** Dedicated to working with individuals who have special needs, SSEC hosts wheelchair basketball, volunteers at a local center specializing in creating activities for those with developmental disabilities, and hosts the local Special Olympics event.

Recent Awards/Accolades

- Four Master of Arts in Education (MAE) students have been selected for highly competitive Fulbright Awards to teach abroad during the last three years: Brian Jacob in Germany during 2015-2016, Mia Pohlman in Greece and Heather Redel in Malaysia during 2014-2015, and Bethany Hoekzema in Greece during 2013-2014.
- Chris Holmes ('90), a journalism teacher at Hazelwood West High School, was recognized as Missouri's Teacher of the Year for 2014-2015.
- Jamie (Smith) Manker ('98, '00), a social studies teacher and department chair in the Rockwood School District, was one of 50 finalists in the world for the Global Teacher Prize. In 2013-2014 Manker was the Missouri Teacher of the Year.
- A recent graduate of Truman's MAE program, Jessica Hill, was recognized as an Outstanding Beginning Teacher by the Missouri Association for Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE).

Financial Assistance

- Want to teach math and physics at the high school level? Pursue a double major in Mathematics and Physics at Truman and apply to our Noyce Scholars Program; Noyce Scholars receive scholarships and complete 11 hours of education coursework, including early field experience, in preparation for the MAE.
- If you have a strong commitment to a future in teaching, ask us about the federal TEACH Grant.

Curriculum

- Collaborate with faculty from your undergraduate area of study and with faculty in the Education department.
- Typically candidates can complete the MAE in one summer plus another academic year depending on the number of courses taken in a semester. The program is designed as a one-year (including summer) initial certification program.



“The Truman Education faculty have the honor of working with students as they develop into teachers. Our Master of Arts in Education graduates will have a huge, positive impact on the lives of future generations and—because of our small student to faculty ratio—we can offer personalized support for our future teachers.”

Dr. Lisa Goran
Assistant Professor of Education

- Prepare for initial teacher certification through our graduate program. Prior to entering the MAE, receive a high level of knowledge in the subject you want to teach by completing a bachelor's degree in a content field with a strong liberal arts background.
- Design an academic experience that fits your dreams and aspirations by working with our certification analyst your freshman year at Truman. When you enter our MAE program, you choose the area of specialization that matches your professional goals:
 - Elementary Education
 - Secondary Education
 - English
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Social Science/History
 - K-12 Programs
 - Exercise Science
 - Foreign Language (French/Spanish)
 - Music
 - Special Education
- **Field Experience for Future Teachers:** Opportunities to work with students in classrooms and other learning environments are embedded throughout the Education curricula with a culminating teaching internship experience.
- Complete five prerequisite courses during your undergraduate years to prepare for entrance into the MAE. You'll have access to advising in the Education Department while you complete your bachelor's degree, along with opportunities to get experience in a variety of different classroom environments!
- Some unique internship opportunities you will find at Truman include working with the Department of Defense Education, Kirksville R-III Schools, Schuyler County R-I School District (near Kirksville), the Park Hill District (in Kansas City) and the Clayton School District (in St. Louis).

Internships and Study Abroad

- Internship experiences are available through approved Missouri School Districts; approved districts in Kansas, Illinois and Iowa, and through the Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS).
- Many of our graduate students secure internships that are full-year, paid positions. These positions provide a first-year, teacher of record experience with the support of university supervisors as the culminating experience of the graduate program.
- Teach abroad through a variety of programs! During your completion of the MAE program, you can pursue a teaching internship in China or Germany.
- Specific programs include:
 - Department of Defense Dependents Schools internship
 - Teaching Conversational English as a Foreign Language; China

Admission to Master of Arts in Education (MAE) Program

- Before applying for admission to Truman's MAE program, prospective teachers will need to complete a strong liberal arts and sciences undergraduate degree in the major of their choice at Truman or another institution (or you can also transfer to Truman prior to earning your bachelor's degree).
- Students who wish to apply to the MAE typically apply during their senior year at Truman.
- The Education faculty ensure individual mentoring to guide you every step of the way.

After the Degree

- Want to work outside Missouri? Complete the MAE and receive your certification from the state of Missouri, then work with our certification analyst to begin the process of certification in another state.
- Truman MAE graduates fair quite well in comparison to their peers in regards to internship and job placement. Gain recognition for increased competency in teaching!

Questions?

- Contact Truman's Department of Education at 660-785-4386.

Empowering Teachers to Make a Difference in the World

Begin an incredible journey — one that will have a meaningful impact on the lives of others. Deep and rigorous content knowledge in your major coupled with an emphasis on reflective practice ensures that you are well-prepared to meet the unique challenges facing today's educators.

Connect with faculty across a variety of departments to prepare yourself in an interdisciplinary way. At Truman, you earn a Master of Arts in Education while simultaneously completing the requirements for teacher certification. Our graduates are well-respected in public schools across Missouri and beyond.

Join a tradition of excellence in teaching. Pursue your passion. Make a difference.

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PURSUING EDUCATION

MAE DEGREE OFFERED

100% of majors complete an internship

10 full-time faculty members | **11** part-time faculty members

90% of faculty members have a terminal degree in the field

100% of majors engaged in research

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