Passion for Theatre

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Long Term Career Options
In every area of study and practical training we demand research, independent analysis, critical thinking, and a high degree of on-the-spot problem solving.

- About 55-40% of Truman Theatre graduates work in the professional theatre right out of college.
- About 30% of Truman Theatre graduates from the last ten years are currently in graduate theatre programs.
- About 30% of Truman Theatre graduates enter other professions, such as education, law, marketing, medicine, counseling, electrical maintenance, personnel consulting, publications, and small business management.
- Truman Theatre graduates find that they have more options open to them than most other majors; studies in the Theatre Department are intensively people-oriented and driven by imagination and creativity.
- Truman Theatre graduates have worked and studied at such prestigious institutions as:
  - The American Shakespeare Center in Washington D.C.
  - The Arena Stage in Washington D.C.
  - The American Repertory Theatre in Cambridge, MA.
  - The American Theatre Company in Chicago.
  - Actors' Theatre of Louisville.
  - Kentucky Shakespeare Festival.
  - The Olney Theatre in Washington D.C.
  - St. Louis Shakespeare Festival.
  - Chicago Shakespeare Festival.
  - Blue Man Group.
  - The MUNY in St. Louis.
  - Second City in Chicago.
  - The Goodman Theatre in Chicago.
  - The Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago.

Recent Student Research
- Is He Dead?
  - A new musical adaptation of Mark Twain's play by Joshua Fleishardt and Shelby Washington.
  - Assistant Professor David Charles Goyette and Dr. Charles Gran, Faculty Mentors.
  - Funded by Interdisciplinary Research Community Grant.

Facilities
- James G. Severson Theatre - 251 seat state-of-the-art courtyard theater with stage and seating that can be easily moved to create thrust or proscenium style settings.
- Black Box Theater - Fully equipped with a lighting grid and booth.
- Scene Shop
- Costume Shop
- Acting Lab
- Design Lab
- Dressing Rooms
- Make-up Room
- Green Room

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