



DISCOVER **YOUR**
DISTINCTION

TRUMAN
STATE UNIVERSITY



A Note From Sue

(YEAH, THAT'S OUR PRESIDENT!)

Welcome to Truman State University! As the enormously proud president of Truman, I am thrilled that you are interested in learning more about our awesome university. At Truman, you will find your purpose through exceptional opportunities and transformative educational experiences. Here, you will achieve more than you ever thought possible in a vibrant, welcoming, and supportive community. I invite you to explore all that Truman has to offer and discover how you can become a Bulldog. When you come to campus, please be sure to stop by my office and say hello!

With great Bulldog pride,

Susan L. Thomas, Ph.D.
President

Distinct by Design

Like you, we're unique. We're a different kind of public university. Our success is built on a liberal arts and sciences curriculum that is distinctly designed to uncover your passions and unlock your potential. We exist to challenge you and open your mind, broaden your experiences, and blaze your path forward. We celebrate that everyone's journey is different; your path to graduation and throughout life will be unique. With small classes, dynamic programs, and a close-knit student community that's as driven as you are, you'll find a place here to discover your distinction.



The Truman Experience

#1

Public university in the Midwest for 27 years running

13:1

Student-faculty ratio

#7

Best master's university in the nation

~60%

of students graduate with no student loan debt

Define Your Difference

We believe each student is unique and has the potential to make a profound and meaningful impact on the world. Our singular approach combines academic rigor with hands-on learning experiences and personalized faculty attention. This creates a supportive, collaborative community in which students are encouraged to explore their interests and passions.

Whether you're drawn to the arts, sciences, or humanities, Truman is here to provide you with the resources and opportunities necessary to discover your unique path and accomplish your goals.



What Makes Truman Great?

OUR BULLDOG COMMUNITY

You are a Bulldog from day one. We take tremendous pride in our sense of community and collaboration among our fellow Bulldogs. Our supportive network of students, faculty, staff, and alumni are waiting to welcome you into your new college family. Whether studying in the library, attending an event on campus, or cheering on the Bulldogs at a game, you'll find a sense of belonging and friendships that define the Truman experience.

OUR ACADEMIC APPROACH

At Truman, academic excellence is at the heart of everything we do. Our distinguished faculty is committed to providing a challenging and engaging learning environment in which students can develop their critical thinking skills, expand their knowledge, and discover what drives them. With a strong emphasis on a well-rounded liberal arts and sciences education, we prepare students for success in a wide range of fields and professions, ensuring every Truman graduate leaves the university ready to make their mark on the world.

OUR REAL-WORLD FOCUS

We believe that strong outcomes stem from transformative learning experiences provided by dedicated professionals who prioritize hands-on, focused instruction and real-world applications. Our campus is the perfect setting for students to engage deeply with their studies, explore new ideas, and develop the skills necessary to thrive in today's ever-evolving world.



I chose Truman because I felt at home on the campus. I wanted the experiences of a great education and an involved student community, and I felt that Truman could provide that. Talking to current students and faculty helped relieve my anxiety about the transition from high school to college. Plus, I felt like I could truly be involved with campus life here.



JACQUELINE WILSON '24

Business Administration Major





The Truman community has been an amazing support system throughout my student experience. My professors are easy to talk to and provide guidance tailored to my interests. They go beyond teaching, explaining different post-graduation opportunities and encouraging me to pursue them early on, which has helped make the transition to professional life much smoother.

SYDNEY MATTAS '24
Business Administration
and Accounting Major



I knew Truman had a highly renowned Nursing program. In combination with its location being different from the big city that I grew up in, I knew Truman would give me countless opportunities to grow as a person and as a future nurse.

ADRIAN AMPON '24
Nursing Major



Chart Your Own Course

With a personalized approach, Truman blends the liberal arts and sciences with high-impact experiential teaching. Our students are challenged to reach their potential and stand out through a combination of majors and minors that empowers every student to pursue their unique educational goals.

MAJORS

- Accounting (BS)
- Agricultural Science (BS)
- Applied Linguistics/TESOL Major (BA)
- Art (BFA) with concentration in: Design
- Art (BFA) with concentration in: Studio Art
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BS)
- Biology (BA, BS)
- Business Administration (BA, BS)
- Cannabis and Natural Medicinals Major (BS)
- Chemistry (BS)
- Classics (BA)
- Communication (BA)
- Communication Disorders (BA, BS)
- Computer Science (BS)
- Creative Writing (BFA)
- Criminal Justice Studies Major (BS)
- Data Science (BS)
- Design (BA)
- Economics (BA, BS)
- English (BA)
- Environmental Science (BS)
- Exercise Science (BS)
- Health Science (BS)
- History (BA, BS)
- Interdisciplinary Studies (BA, BS)
- Liberal Studies (BA, BS)
- Linguistics (BS)

- Mathematics (BA, BS)
- Modern Language (BA)
- Music Business (BS)
- Music Therapy (BS)
- Music, Emphasis Groups (BM)
- Music, General (BS)
- Music, Liberal Arts (BA)
- Music, Pre-Certification (BA)
- Nursing (BSN)
- Nursing, Accelerated Program (ABSN)
- Philosophy and Religion (BA, BS)
- Physics (BA, BS)
- Political Science and International Relations (BA, BS)
- Psychology (BA, BS)
- Social Issue Advocacy (BA, BS)
- Sociology/Anthropology (BA, BS)
- Statistics (BA, BS)
- Theatre (BA)

MINORS

- Accounting
- Actuarial Science
- African and African Diaspora Studies
- Agricultural Business
- Agricultural Studies
- Animal Science
- Anthropology
- Applied Linguistics
- Art History
- Art Studio

- Asian and Asian American Studies
- Astronomy
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Child Studies
- Chinese
- Classical Studies
- Cognitive Science
- Communication
- Computer Science
- Creative Writing
- Criminal Justice Studies
- Data Science
- Design
- Disability Studies
- Economics
- Education
- English
- Entrepreneurship
- Environmental Studies
- Equine Studies
- Film Studies
- Folklore
- Foreign Language Teacher Preparation
- Forensic Science
- French
- Greek
- History
- Information Systems
- International Studies
- Italian Studies
- Japanese
- Jazz Studies
- Latin
- Legal Studies
- Linguistics
- Mathematical Biology
- Mathematics
- Medieval and Early Modern Studies
- Military Science
- Museum Studies
- Music
- Musical Theatre
- Musicology
- Philosophy and Religion
- Physics
- Political Communication
- Political Science and International Relations
- Pre-Art Therapy
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Spanish Minor for the Professions
- Statistics
- STEM Research
- Theatre
- Web UX/UI Design
- Women's and Gender Studies

SHAPE YOUR TOMORROW

Crafting an educational experience that fulfills your intellectual interests and career pursuits is central to your Truman experience. We offer countless combinations that enable you to develop the unique skills and knowledge needed to stand out when applying for future graduate studies and career opportunities. Our average student graduates with a major, a minor, and involvement in two or three student organizations at Truman. Don't worry if you're unsure of what you want your future to look like, we'll help you explore different fields to uncover what inspires you.

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES

Two years ago, I would never have guessed I would be working toward a future career as an attorney! Truman opened my eyes and brain to an encyclopedia of knowledge and opportunities I am incredibly grateful for.

BRE MATHES '26

*Philosophy & Religion and
Criminal Justice Studies Double Major
Legal Studies and Economics
Double Minor*



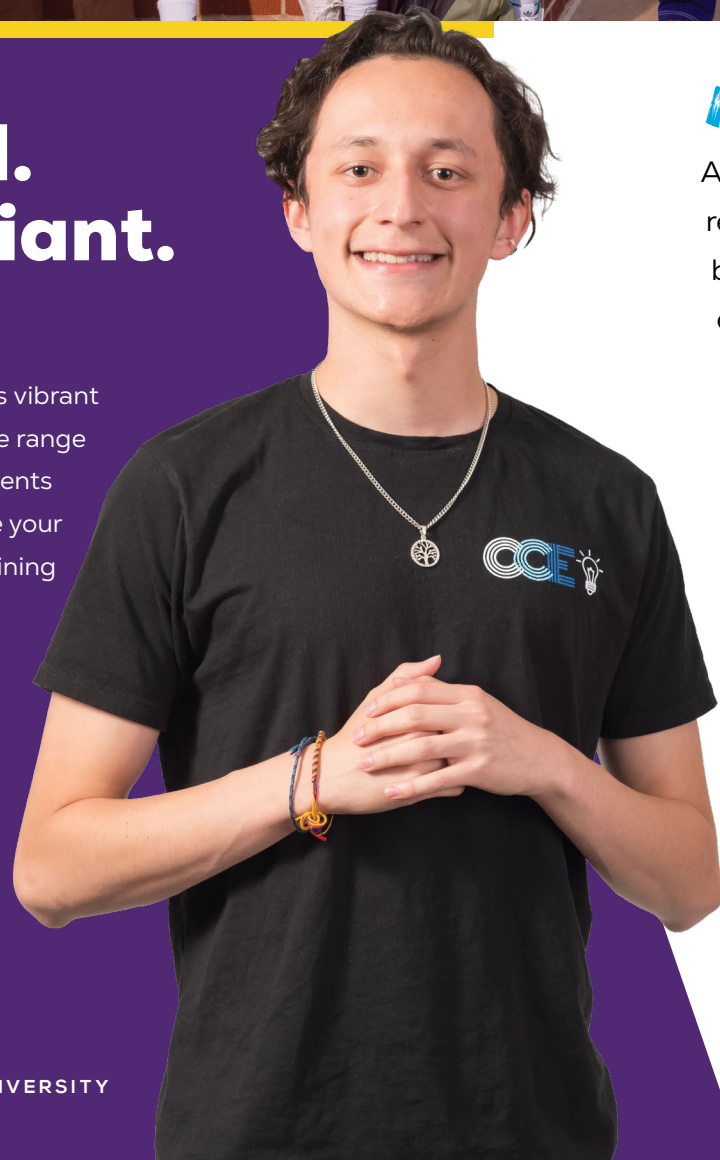
Belong to a
Campus that

Sets You Apart

Truman's classically beautiful 210-acre campus is an inclusive community where intellectually curious students thrive both academically and socially. With state-of-the-art facilities dedicated to undergraduate teaching and research, a wide variety of amenities, and a welcoming atmosphere, our campus is the heart of the Truman experience.

Be Bold. Be Brilliant. Be You.

At Truman, campus life is vibrant and dynamic, with a wide range of opportunities for students to get involved. Enhance your Truman experience by joining any of over 200 student organizations. Explore new hobbies, develop lifelong friendships, and meet exceptional peers who share your passions through a wide array of academic and cultural clubs.



At Truman, I have found and reaffirmed my uniqueness by being around others and exposing myself to leadership roles. From entrepreneurship to swimming to sharing my culture through salsa dancing classes, Truman has been key for me to discover and unravel what makes me distinct.



**TOMAS ORJUELA
MUNOZ '25**

Economics Major

Student Organizations



ACADEMIC/HONORS SOCIETIES

Supplement your Truman academic experience by developing connections within major-specific organizations. Meet other like-minded students, collaborate with your peers, and develop professional skills.



CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

Explore new cultures and learn more about the diverse student population of Truman. From Japanese festivals to authentic African weddings, our students showcase their diverse skills and traditions for our campus community to experience.



SPECIAL INTEREST ORGANIZATIONS

Bowling? Beekeeping? Photography? Finance? Whatever your interests, similar-minded students are here at Truman. With many different clubs to choose from, you are certain to discover your true self and what makes you distinct.



FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

An abundance of opportunities exist across the Greek life organizations at Truman, with 20% of our total student population involved in Fraternity and Sorority Life. With 7 sororities and 11 fraternities, you are sure to find your fit.

Home Away From Home

Living on campus allows you to experience college life to its fullest. You are close to classes, your professors’ offices, Pickler Memorial Library, and the Student Recreation Center, with easy access to the student activities that make campus life so vibrant. Home to nearly all our freshmen, each university residence has its own unique personality and style of room so you can find the environment that feels like home.

Our comfortable, modern residence halls provide students with a safe and supportive environment where they can live, learn, and grow together. With a variety of housing options and amenities, Truman’s residential communities offer the perfect balance of connection and convenience.



Residence Halls:

BLANTON-NASON-BREWER HALL

(Pet-Friendly Housing)

Room Type: Semi-Suite Style

Mascot: Alice the Buccaneer

MISSOURI HALL

Room Type: Community Style

Mascot: Monty the Moose

RYLE HALL

Room Type: Semi-Suite Style and Community Style

Mascot: Wally the Whale

WEST CAMPUS SUITES

Room Type: Suite Style

Mascot: Norm the Wolf

Room Types:

COMMUNITY:

Includes one bedroom (typically shared between two people) with a communal restroom in your hallway.

SEMI-SUITE:

Includes two bedrooms (typically shared between two people in each room) joined by a private restroom in between.

SUITE:

Includes two 2-person bedrooms, a furnished living room, a bathroom, and a food prep area.

Let's Go **Dawgs!**

Truman's NCAA Division II athletic teams represent the university with pride and determination. With a strong tradition of athletic excellence, our Bulldogs compete in a variety of sports in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Whether you're a student-athlete or a fan cheering on your classmates from the sidelines, Truman's athletic program offers an exciting and rewarding experience for all.



Truman State University Bulldogs NCAA Teams



MEN'S

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross-Country
- Football
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Track & Field



WOMEN'S

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball



Athletics For All

If you're not quite an NCAA athlete, Truman offers a host of other opportunities to compete athletically on campus with intramurals and club sports.

INTRAMURALS

Intramural sports leagues offer a chance for you to compete against your fellow students, professors, and staff. IMs are offered all year long, and new sports are introduced every year. Grab a pickleball paddle and a friend, and prepare to become the next IM champion!


CLUB SPORTS

Craving competition without the varsity grind? Club sports are your ticket to finding your squad to compete against other regional schools' club teams. Unleash your competitive side while reserving time for your other passions.



Every Field + Every Arena



My path of self-discovery through the chaos of college life has been extremely gratifying as a student-athlete studying education. A turning point came when I realized how much athletics and teaching had in common: both require commitment, determination, and the capacity to motivate others to achieve their best. 

GRACIE NEFF '24 AND '25

*Interdisciplinary Studies Major-Focus
on Child Development*

Master of Arts, Elementary Education

In its Division II program, Truman emphasizes a balanced student-athlete experience. Our students participate in highly competitive athletics in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and have the best access ratio to NCAA championships of any division. While our student-athletes can earn athletic scholarships, we emphasize a well-rounded student experience that extends far beyond the playing field.

Truman students consistently rise to the challenge of being both great students and athletes. Our balanced approach to athletics, academics, and community engagement allows each Bulldog student-athlete to excel in their academic pursuits, internships, studies abroad, research, and all that interests them.

KIRKSVILLE

The Perfect Setting To Write Your Story

Nestled in the heart of Northeast Missouri, Kirksville is a friendly small town with a historic downtown square and two highly ranked universities surrounded by a state park. From classic community festivals to diverse cultural events, Kirksville's vibrant blend of art, history, recreation, and nature will impress you. Everything you need—shopping, coffee shops, restaurants, the movie theatre, local farmer's market, nightlife, and more—is located in our historic downtown, just a five-minute walk from campus.



2-3 hours:
Des Moines, IA
Kansas City, MO
Springfield, IL

3-4 hours:
Quad Cities, IA
St. Louis, MO

5 hours:
Chicago

Every Journey Needs a Place To Start

Beyond the borders of our beautiful campus, Truman students are invited to become involved with the wider Northeast Missouri community. Partner with local organizations, participate in community service projects, and immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of experiences that await. At Truman, we believe in the power of community involvement and the transformative impact it can have on both individuals and society.

Get Involved With the Wider Community

THE SERVE CENTER

The SERVE Center, a student-led service team, partners with more than 130 Kirksville community agencies. Each year, they host the “Big Event”—an all-day event with over 1,200 students participating in service projects throughout the community.

THOUSAND HILLS STATE PARK

Thousand Hills State Park, located two miles west of Kirksville, with the cool waters of Forest Lake as its centerpiece, provides students the perfect getaway from busy college life. The lake offers fishing, swimming, and boating. The park offers hiking, mountain biking, and abundant opportunities to see wildlife. An interpretive shelter helps visitors understand the petroglyphs left behind by the area’s inhabitants more than 1,500 years ago. The park also offers campsites and cabins for overnight stays.

RED BARN ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL (AND FAMILY DAY)

The Red Barn Arts and Crafts Festival brings artists and makers from across the Midwest to Kirksville every year to celebrate the arts. A family favorite event, we schedule Family Day to be the same weekend as Red Barn and a home football game so you and your family can enjoy the best parts of life in Kirksville together.

THE KOHLENBERG LYCEUM SERIES

Truman’s Lyceum Series brings performances and lecturers from across the country to Kirksville to enrich the minds and hearts of our community. These sponsored events recently featured acts like the St. Louis Ballet, Kansas City Chorale, Shakespeare troupes, a Beatles cover band, and a lecture by Professor Griff (Rock & Roll Hall of Fame member of the band Public Enemy). Students and members of the community alike show up to celebrate the arts at these free events.



What I enjoyed most about my academic program was the numerous opportunities offered both professionally and personally. Truman's School of Business enabled me to connect with Boeing through the TruBoeing initiative, providing valuable networking opportunities in my desired field that I've benefited from since my freshman year internship.

PAYTON PETTY '24
Business Administration Major

I enjoy the amount of hands-on and real-world experiences my major provides. I'm the kind of student that learns best through experiential learning, and my major allows me to do that every day through labs, consulting, and research.

DANE WINTERBOER '26
Statistics Major
Master of Science in Data Science



Put Your “Why” to Work

Truman is dedicated to the success of our students beyond the classroom. From landing accounting internships at a “Big Four” firm to competitive nursing clinicals, our students secure jobs at some of the most prestigious and cutting-edge companies. They are hired because of the strong skill sets they bring to professional teams, which enable them to stand out over their peers from other universities.

Internship Opportunities

Through internships and experiential learning opportunities, students gain valuable real-world skills and insights that complement their academic studies. From local businesses to global corporations, our students have access to a wide range of internship opportunities to enhance their professional development skills. Your professors, academic advisors, and career coach in the career center can all help you identify and connect with the right internship options for you based on your interests.

Research Opportunities

At Truman, innovation and discovery are at the forefront of your education. Our students have the opportunity to engage in research projects alongside faculty mentors who are leaders in their fields. Whether you're interested in scientific inquiry, creative expression, or social analysis, Truman provides the resources and support you need to pursue your passion.

Be Ready For **What's Next**

Graduate School

Many Truman graduates choose to pursue advanced degrees to further their education and career aspirations. With guidance from our experienced faculty and robust support services, our students are well-prepared to excel in graduate programs across the nation and around the world.

Career Path and Preparedness

From day one, Truman students are encouraged to think critically, communicate effectively, and adapt to the ever-changing demands of the modern workforce. Our comprehensive career development programs equip students with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to succeed in today's competitive job market. Whether you're launching your career or exploring new opportunities, Truman is here to support you every step of the way.



Truman has been great at opening research doors for me here, abroad, and even during my master's program. It's just great to get an understanding of all these different research projects, working on a bunch of different organisms, and to eventually be able to say that this is what I want to do professionally.

KENNY DAMPER '24
Biology Major

What I really loved about Truman is that I got to do everything I wanted to do. I've assistant stage managed a show, I've stage managed a show, I've costume designed a show, I've assistant costumed designed a show, and I've even directed a show. All of those things are genuinely different experiences that are extremely valuable when you enter the professional world.

JACK DANTER '24
Theatre Major



See What You Can Become

Our counselors are here to guide you throughout the application process, and we're committed to ensuring you have the best application review, scholarship offer, and financial aid package. We'd love to help answer questions about elevating your admissions application or navigating the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). We'll make sure we take care of you like you're already a Bulldog.

Applying to Truman

Applying to Truman is simple and straightforward. Our online application allows you to easily submit your materials and track your application status.

TRADITIONAL APPLICATION—You'll need to submit a completed application, official transcripts, standardized test scores, and any additional required materials for your intended major or program.

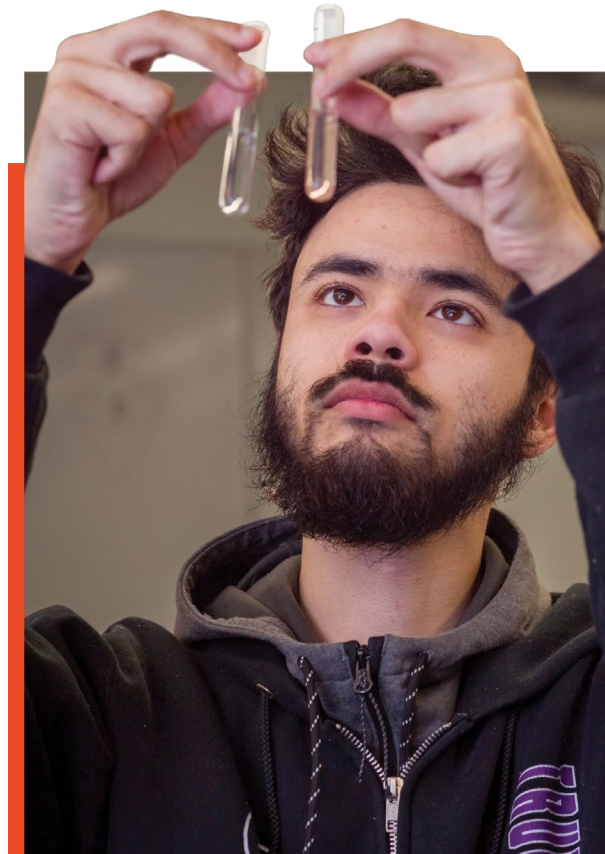
TEST-OPTIONAL APPLICATION—To submit a test-optional application, you will need to submit a completed application, official transcripts, essay, and resume/activities list.

Application Deadline

Although there is no deadline to apply, if you are applying for a fall start, it is recommended that you apply by May.

Have Questions?

Contact the Office of Admissions at 660.785.4114 or admissions@truman.edu



Scholarships, Grants, & Financial Aid

Truman offers a wide range of scholarships, grants, and financial aid options to help make college more affordable for our students.

DECEMBER 1 is the priority deadline for Truman's competitive scholarships.

FEBRUARY 1 is the priority deadline for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

College Search Tips

Applying to college can feel like a daunting task, but with a little preparation and planning, you can put your best foot forward. Be sure to start early, stay organized, and proofread your application materials carefully. Don't hesitate to reach out to our admissions team if you have any questions or need assistance along the way. We're here to help you succeed!

FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES

It's never too early to explore college campuses to get a sense of the options and opportunities that are available. Visiting campuses helps you discover what you're drawn to and gives you an idea of where you'll feel most at home. While you're there, consider talking to a professor who teaches in your program of interest to see what recommendations they have for you.

JUNIORS

Try to schedule two or three college visits so you can get a sense of what's out there. Visit schools that are different from one other, so you have a better understanding of the different types and sizes of colleges and universities. It will help you narrow down your choices for applications next year.

TRANSFERS

We know college is all about finding your best fit. If you're ready to change colleges, we're here to make that process as smooth as possible. Connect with our dedicated transfer admission counselor to see how Truman can help you achieve your education goals.

Rise to the Challenge

Interested in learning more about what makes Truman the ideal fit? Schedule a visit to our vibrant campus or connect with one of our friendly admissions counselors. Let us show you why Truman is the perfect place to discover your distinction.

Or, if you've already made up your mind that Truman is the place for you to continue your journey, apply online and take the next step toward becoming a Bulldog.

Connect on Social Media

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 @trumanstate

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Connect with a Counselor

[INFO.TRUMAN.EDU](https://info.truman.edu)

Connect one-on-one with our counselors to discuss your goals and receive personalized guidance. Whether you're a high school student, transfer applicant, or prospective graduate, we're here to support you throughout your college journey.

Schedule a Visit

[VISIT.TRUMAN.EDU](https://visit.truman.edu)

Schedule a campus tour and discover firsthand what makes Truman such a special place. Explore our state-of-the-art facilities, meet with current students and faculty members, and get a feel for our vibrant campus community. Whether you're starting your college search or ready to make your decision, a visit to Truman will help you envision yourself as a Truman Bulldog.



Apply Online

[APPLY.TRUMAN.EDU](https://apply.truman.edu)

Apply to Truman online and join the Bulldog family. Our online application is quick and easy to complete, enabling you to submit your materials with a few clicks. Be sure to review our application requirements and deadlines before you begin, and don't hesitate to reach out to our admissions team if you have any questions or need assistance along the way.



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