Linguistics at Truman

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Degree offered



Minors offered Linguistics, Applied Linguistics

Visiting Clayton B. Ofstad Scholars in Residence have taught courses and workshops on endangered languages, metaphor, Maya hieroglyphics, foreign accent, African languages, and computer-assisted language-learning. This year, they are teaching about digital (online) discourse, and a native American writing system (Miskwaki).





Students go on to teach ESL and other languages around the world, join the Peace Corps, become Fulbright scholars, software engineers, advertisers, lawyers, media editors, and writers.



of Linguistics majors complete research before graduation.



Faculty members oversee student research and are regularly finalists for Truman's Research Mentor of the Year award.



Our alumni attend notable graduate schools such as

- Tulane University
- Ohio State University
- Indiana University Bloomington
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Johns Hopkins University
- University of Kansas
- Concordia Theological Seminary
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Penn State University
- University of Glasgow



Linguistics faculty have published research recently on applied linguistic research methodology, constructed languages, translation, linguistic criticism, and the phonology of an endangered Cambodian language.



- My favorite thing about the linguistics department has to be the faculty. I had the privilege to learn from every member of the faculty in the Linguistics department and each of them went above and beyond in making sure I understood and felt valued. Even though I'm not "going into Linguistics" per se, I know the things that I learned are always going to serve me well. I find application for them everywhere I go.
 - ANNA BARGER, Class of 2018
 - Academic Interests: Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne Pursued at Truman: Linguistics major, Folklore minor Student Organizations: Residence Life, Sigma Tau Delta and Tau Lambda Sigma

