Truman State University is Missouri’s only statewide public liberal arts and sciences university and the only public university designated highly selective by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

Founded in 1867 as a normal school, Truman State University became the official name of Missouri’s liberal arts and sciences university on July 1, 1996. Formerly known as Northeast Missouri State University, the change in name coincided with the 10th anniversary of the Missouri Legislature’s action which changed the University’s mission from that of a regional comprehensive university to the statewide liberal arts and sciences university. The new name complements the mission and honors the only Missourian to serve as president of the United States.

Now a nationally recognized university, Truman is a leader in its undaunting commitment to assessment and accountability. Truman’s program of assessment allows the University to measure the results of the teaching-learning process and gather critical information on student growth and development to ensure that graduates are prepared for future success.

The University is consistently recognized as one of the nation’s best educational values. Truman is recognized by U.S. News & World Report as the number one public regional university in the Midwest and it was selected as one of the top 100 best college buys by America’s 100 Best College Buys 2000. Truman is also profiled in Fiske Guide to Colleges and USA Today's College Guide, as well as numerous other guides.

Truman’s curriculum provides each student, regardless of intended specialization, with a foundation of knowledge appropriate to a traditional liberal arts and sciences education. It also requires major field specialization, providing each student with in-depth knowledge and mastery of a discipline. This exemplary undergraduate education provides graduates with the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful upon graduation. Approximately 40 percent of Truman’s graduates enter graduate programs and professional schools in the two years following their graduation. Truman’s 6,300 students pursue degrees in 42 undergraduate and nine graduate areas of study in eight academic divisions.

Truman’s students consistently rank among the highest in their high school graduating class. For example, the fall 2001 class has an average ACT score of 27, the 91st percentile nationally, while the high school grade point was a 3.72 on a 4.00 scale. In addition to their academic ability, more than 99 percent had leadership roles in high school.

Truman State University is committed to the advancement of knowledge, to freedom of thought and inquiry, and to the personal, social and intellectual growth of each of its students. The University strives to maintain a recognized standard of excellence in all of its educational endeavors and a responsible stewardship of the resources provided by the people of Missouri.

Truman is headed by a Board of Governors appointed by the Governor of Missouri. Seven are voting members from throughout the state. In addition, there are two out-of-state members and a student representative who do not vote.

Current members include John W. Briscoe, president; Thomas R. Jayne, vice president; Michael Schwend, secretary; Matthew C. Barnes; Sarah B. Burkermpeter; Peter T. Ewell, Ph.D.; Ruth Mach, Ed.D.; Wilma Maddox; Randa Rawlins; and Micah McKay, student representative.

What’s In A Nickname

Why was the nickname, Bulldogs, selected for Truman State University? O.C. Bell 908 referred to his performers as Bulldogs, but it wasn’t an official designation. As is known, this term wasn’t used again until the spring of 1915. At the time, a committee of students, including the late President Emeritus Wal-H. Ryle, recommended the adoption of the “Bulldog” as the official emblem because of the beast’s tenacity and ability to hold on and fight desperately to the end.

The spirit of the Bulldog has been evident since the name was selected 86 years ago. It’s not unique though, as at least 16 NCAA schools have adopted the “Bulldog”.

About Truman

President
Jack Magruder

Jack Magruder became the 13th president of Truman State University on July 1, 1994. Magruder began his career at Truman in 1964 as an assistant professor of chemistry. During his 22 years on the faculty, he achieved the rank of full professor before serving as head of the Division of Science from 1986-89. In 1989, Magruder became dean of instruction and was later appointed vice president for academic affairs, the position he held when he was named president.

Magruder is a member of a number of professional organizations, including the American Chemical Society, Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society, National Association for Research in Science Teaching, National Science Teachers and the Science Teachers of Missouri. He is past-president of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges and the Council on Public Higher Education.

Magruder is a 1957 graduate of Truman State University and is married to Sue Brimer Magruder, a 1955 and 1977 graduate of Truman. Their children, Julie Magruder Lochbaum, Kerry Magruder and Laura Magruder Mann are also graduates of Truman.

Director of Athletics
Jerry Wollmering

Jerry W. Wollmering began as Director of Athletics at Truman in September of 1999.

Wollmering had served as associate athletics director of finance and administration at Bowling Green State University in Ohio since January of 1998. He was also the assistant athletics director for financial affairs for two years, prior to his becoming an associate AD.

Wollmering earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a major in accounting from Drake University in 1987, and a master’s degree in physical education with a major in athletic administration from Kent State University in 1993. He is also a certified public accountant with experience as an auditor.

Before arriving at Bowling Green, he was an assistant athletic director at Southeast Missouri State University, a Division I program, for approximately 18 months. While working on his master’s degree, Wollmering was a graduate assistant to the athletic director at Kent.

A native of Ft. Madison, Iowa, he was a varsity letterman in cross country and track at Drake. Wollmering served on the NCAA Division I athletics certification self study subcommittees for fiscal integrity and commitment to equity, and was a member of the NCAA peer review team.

Wollmering and his wife, Alicia, have two daughters, Leah who is 5-years-old and, Erica who is 3-years-old. They are expecting their third child in February of 2002.
Truman Areas of Study

At Truman, we take great pride in the quality of our academic programs. We challenge students to achieve in an environment that supports their growth.

The University is committed to excellent teaching, continuing assessment, and a climate that fosters innovation. Excellence is the standard throughout. For example, our General Honors Program recognizes extraordinary achievement, but all students are eligible to participate.

We have earned a national reputation for quality, accountability and affordability. That reputation encompasses generations of graduates and our current students. It will also assure that we continue to attract the best students in the future.

Specific academic programs, degrees offered and division heads include:

**Division of Business and Accountancy**
B.A./B.S., M.A. (Accounting)-Dr. James Bailey Accounting, Business Administration

**Division of Education**
M.A.E.-Dr. Sam Minner
Students complete a liberal arts degree program (B.A./B.S.) with a pre-education emphasis before applying for admission to the M.A.E. Emphasis options include Elementary, Middle School, Secondary and Special Education.

**Division of Fine Arts**

**Division of Human Potential and Performance**
B.A./B.S., B.S.N., M.A. (Communication Disorders)
Exercise Science (including Pre-Medicine, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Exercise Physiology, Cardiac Rehabilitation/Wellness, Athletic Training, and Leisure Management), Health (including Pre-Medicine, Community Health, Public Health, Health Administration, and Worksite Health), Nursing, Communication Disorders.

**Division of Language and Literature**
B.A./B.S., M.A. (English)-Dr. Heinz Woehlk Classics, Communication (Journalism, Communication Arts and Communication Sciences), English (including Pre-Law), French, German, Russian, Spanish.

**Division of Mathematics and Computer Science**
B.A./B.S., M.A. (Mathematics)-Dr. Lanny Morley Computer Science, Mathematics.

**Division of Military Science**
Lt. Col. James W. Dirkse Students in the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) earn an officer’s commission in the U.S. Army in conjunction with an academic degree.

**Division of Science**
B.A./B.S., M.S. (Biology)-Dr. Scott Ellis Agricultural Science, Biology (including Pre-Medicine, Pre-Medical Technology, Physical Therapy, Dental, Veterinary), Chemistry (including Pre-Medical, Pharmacy), Physics (including Pre-Engineering)

**Division of Social Science**
B.A./B.S., M.A. (History)-Dr. Seymour Patterson Economics, History (including Pre-Law), Justice Systems, Philosophy and Religion, Political Science (including Pre-Law), Psychology, Sociology/Anthropology.

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Katy Mueller started every game in center field last season as a true freshman, and was named honorable mention all-MIAA at the conclusion of the season.
Named in honor of General John J. Pershing, the commander of the American Expeditionary Forces to France during World War I and one of Truman’s most distinguished alumni, Pershing Building is a two-story red brick and stone structure located on the south end of campus.

The softball locker rooms are located in the Northeast corner of the building on the first floor, near the athletic training facilities.

In 1967, a north wing was added to the building. The addition featured another gymnasium, dance studio, classrooms and offices.

In 1976, the south wing was added, which houses the Natatorium, with a six-lane, 40-yard swimming pool, along with indoor racquetball courts and offices.

Pershing features a variety of athletics equipment, including weight rooms, an indoor rubber track and complete athletics training facilities.

The softball field, located just south of Stokes Stadium and Pershing, was opened in 1972 and holds 200 spectators. Additional seating can be brought in when necessary.

New permanent dugouts were constructed in the summer of 2000, allowing the teams an open view of the field.

Pershing has three weight rooms that are at the disposal of the athletes. The largest is the free weights room which is located on the west side of the Pershing Arena on the third floor. This room was renovated during the summer of 2000. The renovations included new ventilation and equipment, and general refurbishment of the interior. Approximately 2,600 square feet, it accommodates 40-45 athletes at a time with eight separate power stations complete with platforms and bumper plates for a wide variety of strength training and rehabilitation. The Nautilus room is located on the east side of the arena near the ramp that leads to the natatorium. The third weight room is the aquatic weight room and is located at the bottom of the ramp on the east side.

Sports Medicine

The training room is home base for the sports medicine program at Truman State University. The purpose of the program is to work toward the prevention of athletic injuries, care for those injuries that do happen and work for complete recovery through rehabilitation so that the student-athlete can return to competition as safely and quickly as possible. The program works under the direct supervision of two full-time experienced trainers and two physicians. If an athlete should be injured while participating in an intercollegiate sport, they will be evaluated by a highly competent training staff member and treated as needed or referred to necessary medical personnel.

The main training room is on the lower level of Pershing Building just off the northeast corner of Pershing Arena. Both the head athletics trainer’s and assistant athletics trainer’s offices are located in this area. The student trainers assigned to each sport also use this as their main area of contact.

A secondary training room in the football kennels, located south of Pershing Building, is mainly used during fall and spring practices because of its proximity to the football practice field and outdoor track.