Truman State University’s mission is to provide Missouri students access to an outstanding liberal arts educational experience in a public institution setting that is normally available only at costly, private sector institutions.

Undergraduate education is at the core of this liberal arts mission, supplemented with a select group of graduate programs that grow naturally out of this undergraduate emphasis and are appropriate for a public university. Truman strives to foster an outstanding learning community dedicated to the success of its students.

With a total enrollment under 6,000 students and a student/faculty ratio of about 14:1, Truman is large enough to provide a diverse experience but small enough to provide its students personal attention to their needs and interests.

As a nationally recognized university known for its strong student learning outcomes and its commitment to assessment and continuous improvement, Truman is a place where students learn to excel. Truman has the highest graduation rate of any public university in Missouri, in addition, more than 40 percent of these graduates are entering graduate and professional school after graduation. The faculty and staff are here not only to provide academic challenges, but also to foster a supportive environment that enables students to meet these challenges while learning about themselves and the world around them.

Truman believes that the best preparation for the future, regardless of a student’s ultimate career choice, is a strong liberal arts and sciences education. Truman also expects each student to develop an in-depth knowledge and mastery of a discipline chosen from one of more than 40 programs in eight academic divisions. Students are encouraged to expand their horizons and explore many different fields of thought as they work closely with the exceptional faculty and other academically talented students. Since learning occurs outside the classroom as well as inside, Truman students are encouraged to undertake research projects with faculty, to participate in study abroad programs, and to develop their leadership capacity through active participation in student organizations.

The University seeks well-prepared, motivated students with broad educational interests who desire the advantages of a residential college experience. Our students come from virtually every county of Missouri as well as more than 59 states and 49 countries. Truman’s reputation is built on the ability of its faculty and staff to help students achieve academic excellence while developing their full potential for responsible citizenship in the 21st century.

Truman 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.

A Board of Governors appointed by the Governor of Missouri heads Truman. 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 Thomas R. Jayne, president; Michael Schwend, vice president; Sarah B. Burkemper, secretary; Jerry Matthew C. Barnes, dean of academic affairs.

Dixon is the first female to serve as Truman’s president. She previously spent 27 years at Central Michigan University where she was a faculty member, chair of the Academic Senate and associate dean and interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Dixon has both a B.M. and M.M. in applied piano from Michigan State University and a D.M.A. in piano performance, literature and pedagogy from the University of Colorado.

She is a member of several honor societies including Alpha Lambda Delta, Mortar Board, Phi Kappa Lambda and Phi Kappa Phi. Dixon also holds memberships in the National Music Teachers Association and Delta Omicron, a professional music organization, and is an honorary member of Phi Eta Sigma and Golden Key.

Jerry W. Wollmering began as Director of Athletics at Truman in September of 1999. Wollmering 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 at BGSU, prior to his becoming an associate AD.

Wollmering earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration and accounting from Drake University in 1987, and a master’s degree in physical education and 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, Wollmering 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 and his wife, Alicia, have three daughters, Leah who is 7-years-old, Erica who is 5-years-old and Kate, who is one.

Division of Fine Arts
B.A., B.F.A., B.M. (Music) - Mr. Bob Jones
Art (art history, studio art, visual communication), theatre and music (performance, liberal arts concentration, general concentration with emphasis groups).

Division of Human Potential and Performance
B.A.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 workforce health), nursing and communication disorders.

Division of Language and Literature
B.A., B.S., M.A. (English) - Dr. Heinz Woezik
Classics, communication (journalism, communication arts and communications science), English (including pre-law), French, German, Russian and Spanish.

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

Division of Military Science
Lt. Col. James W. Dirks
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. (Biology) - Dr. Scott Ellis
Agricultural science, biology (including pre-medicine, medical technology, physical therapy, dental, veterinary), chemistry (including pre-medical, pharmacy), physics (including pre-engineering).

Division of Social Science
B.A., B.S. - Dr. Seymour Patterson
Economics, history (including pre-law), justice systems, philosophy and religion, political science (including pre-law), psychology, sociology/anthropology.
Truman Facilities

Pershing Building

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.

In 1967, a north wing was added to the building. The addition featured another gymnasium, a dance studio, classrooms and offices. Also included in the south wing are indoor racquetball courts and offices.

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

In 1976, the south wing was added, which houses the Natatorium, with a six-lane, 40-yard swimming pool.

Weight Rooms

Truman 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 four 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.

What’s In A Nickname

Why was the nickname, Bulldogs, selected for Truman State University? O.C. Bell in 1908 referred to his performers as Bulldogs, but it wasn’t an official designation. So far 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 Walter H. Ryle, recommended the adoption of the “Bulldog” as the official emblem because of the beast’s tenacity and ability to fight desperately to the end.

The spirit of the Bulldog has been evident since the name was selected 87 years ago. It’s not unique though, as at least 16 NCAA schools have adopted the "Bulldog".

Pershing Arena

Pershing has one main wood parquet floor, the center court, and two red rubber floor courts located on either side. Originally, the court ran east-west, but was moved and now runs in a north-south direction, with wooden bleachers on the east and west sides. Students at Truman traditionally sit on the west bleachers, while visitors and those with reserved tickets sit on the east side.

For basketball games, a press section is provided, upon request, above the east bleachers and, for visiting radio, on the floor next to the official scoring table. The locker rooms are located on the northeast (visitors) and west (home) sides of the facility.
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Brad Boyer (left), Hank Janssen (right) and Truman assistant director of athletics Kevin White bring the thrill and excitement of Truman basketball to fans throughout the listening area.

Boyer, KRES’s sports director, handles the play-by-play, while commentary is provided by Janssen and White. Boyer brings 15 years of basketball experience to the airwaves and has won 11 Missouri Broadcaster Awards. Boyer has also served as the president of the Northeast Missouri Sports Writers and Broadcasters Association. He is a native of Memphis, Mo., and a graduate of Scotland County High School. Janssen brings nearly 25 years of Bulldog athletics broadcast experience to the table.

Basketball broadcasts begin 20 minutes before each game. A talk with the head coach highlights the pregame telecast. Halftime brings a recap of the first half and a look at other Bulldog sports. After each contest, Boyer conducts a brief live interview with the coach.

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