

Truman State University International Student Registration Guide



Important Dates to Remember

Students must arrive on campus on August 11th or August 12th, 2023.
International Orientation begins at 8:00 a.m. on August 13th, 2023.
Attendance is Mandatory!

All tuition and fees are due on Friday, August 25th, 2023.



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To-Do List for International Accepted Students

- **Acceptance of Admission Offer** – Complete This Form as soon as you decide to attend Truman, this way we can issue you an I-20. Do not wait until you receive a visa to submit this form. Find this form on your **Acceptance Letter**.
- **Visa Status Notice** – Complete this form immediately after you receive the results of your visa interview and keep us up to date if anything changes. Find this form [here](#).
- **Registration Agreement** – Truman requires all students to fill out this form and agree to be financially responsible for their university expenses. Find this form on your Accepted International Student Tab on **TruView** under the Registration tab.
- **Registration Questionnaire** – Complete this form on your Accepted International Student Tab on **TruView**. (Not required for exchange/ visiting students).
- **Mathematics Placement Tests (2)** – These tests are required of all degree-seeking undergraduate students. Complete them through the Accepted International Student Tab on **TruView**. (Not required for exchange/ visiting students).
- **Foreign Language Placement Tests** – Complete this test if you have previously studied Chinese, Latin, German, French, Spanish, or Italian and would like to take classes in the subject(s) while at Truman. Find them under the Accepted International Student Tab on **TruView**.
- **Housing Application** – Complete this form to request a room in one of the on-campus residence halls. Find this form on your Accepted International Student Tab on **TruView**. Freshmen under 21 and Transfers under 18 are required to live in the on-campus residence halls for two semesters. **If you are not a freshman under 21 and wish to live off-campus, please email intladmit@truman.edu and inform us of your decision.**
- **Travel Plan Confirmation** – Complete this form immediately after making your flight reservations and other travel arrangements. Find this form [here](#).
- **Medical History** – Complete this form [here](#).
- **Meningococcal and MMR Vaccination Records** – Submit proof you have received the Meningococcal Vaccination and MMR Vaccinations. If you are unable to receive these vaccines in your home country, you can receive them at the Student Health Center on campus after arrival. Your student health insurance will help defray the cost.

Applying For Your Student Visa

What exactly is a Visa?

- A visa is a document placed into your passport that allows you to request permission to enter the US. The visa itself does not guarantee admission into the U.S. because all other documents must be in order.

You may apply for your student visa up to 365 days prior to the program start date on your I-20/DS-2019, as of new visa rules put into place in 2023. Careful planning and attention to detail will help you avoid problems with the issuance of your student visa.

Visa Application Steps

1. Confirm admission to Truman State University via the Acceptance of Admission Offer
2. Receive your I-20/DS-2019 and Admission Letter
3. Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee (F-1 \$350; J-1 \$220)
 - SEVIS fee: <http://www.fmjfee.com>
 - Keep receipt or printout of payment for proof that you paid the fee for your visa interview.
 - You may have received an I-20 or DS-2019 from several schools, but you should only pay the SEVIS fee and apply for a visa with the I-20/DS-2019 of the school you are planning to attend.
4. Schedule a Visa Appointment
 - U.S. Embassies and Consulates can be located via <http://www.usembassy.gov/>.
 - Appointment wait times can vary. We encourage you to make an appointment as soon as possible!

Organize your supporting documentation so that you are prepared for the visa appointment. Start preparing the documents early as some documents may take time to obtain.

The following is a list of documents that are required:

- I-20 or DS-2019
- Passport
- Visa Appointment Fee Receipt
- SEVIS Fee Receipt
- DS-160 Form
- Truman Acceptance Letter
- Bank statements

Here is a list of documents that are not required, but highly recommended:

- Proof of English proficiency - e.g. TOEFL, SAT, IELTS
- High school and college transcripts
- High School Graduation Certificate

Once you have obtained the result of your visa interview, complete the [Visa Status Notice](#).

Tips for Applying for a Student Visa

1. Ties to Your Home Country

Under U.S. law, all applicants for student visas are viewed as having immigrant intent until they can convince the consular officer otherwise. You should be able to show that you have reasons for returning to your home country that are stronger than those for remaining in the United States. "Ties to your home country" are the things that bind you to your home country such as a job, family, financial prospects that you own or will inherit, investments, etc. If you are a prospective undergraduate, the interviewing officer may ask about your specific intentions or promise of future employment, family or other relationships, educational objectives, grades, long-range plans and career prospects in your home country.

2. English

Remember that the interview will be conducted in English. Practice English conversation with a native speaker before the interview so you are ready to speak on your own behalf.

3. Speak for Yourself

You may create a negative impression if you are not prepared to speak for yourself. The consular officer wants to interview you, not your family. Therefore, do not bring parents or family members with you to the interview.

4. Know the Program and How It Fits Your Career Plans

You should be able to explain how studying in the United States relates to your future professional career when you return home. Suppose you are not able to articulate the reasons you will study at a specific university or in a specific major. In that case, you may not succeed in convincing the consular officer that you are indeed planning to study rather than to immigrate.

5. Be Brief

Because of the volume of applications received, all consular officers are under considerable time pressure to conduct a quick and efficient interview. They must make a decision, for the most part, on the impressions they form during the first minute of the interview. Consequently, what you say first and the initial impression you create are critical to your success. Keep your answers to the officer's questions short and to the point.

6. Additional Documentation

It should be immediately clear to the consular officer what written documents you are presenting and what they signify. Lengthy written explanations cannot be quickly read or evaluated. Remember that your interview will last only a few minutes.

7. Not All Countries are Equal

Applicants from countries suffering economic problems or from countries with a history of students remaining in the US as immigrants may have more difficulty getting visas. Statistically, applicants from those countries are more likely to be intending immigrants.

8. Focus On Your Studies, Not Employment

Your main purpose in coming to the United States is to study, not for the chance to work before or after graduation. While some students do work off-campus during their studies, employment is not their main

purpose of completing their U.S. education. You must be able to clearly articulate your plan to return home at the end of your program.

9. Maintain a Positive Attitude

If your student visa is denied, ask the officer for a reason or a list of documents you should bring to overcome the refusal, and try to get the reason your visa was denied in writing. Do not get into an argument with the consular officer and be sure to maintain a positive and polite attitude. Ask about the rules for reconsideration and make an appointment as soon as allowed. Former prospective students have found it helpful to email the International Admissions Coordinator at Truman and discuss the reasons for a denial.

10. Assistance

For assistance with visa preparation, see [Argo Visa](#) and <https://www.youtube.com/c/educationusa>

Legal Status in the U.S.

Upon entry to the U.S., you become subject to the laws and regulations of the U.S. as well as the requirements and restrictions of your visa. Therefore, it is important to be aware of your legal obligations. For example:

- You must report to the school that issued your I-20/DS-2019 by the designated date - **August 12th at the latest.**
- You must maintain a full course load every semester (12-17 credit hours).
- You must make normal progress toward your degree.
- You may not work off-campus without the permission of the federal government.
- You may not drop out of school or take a semester away from school *and* remain in the U.S.

As you enter the U.S., your passport is stamped with the date of entry, place of entry, immigration status, and date of expiration of your stay. An I-94 is issued electronically and must be printed after your arrival and carried with you when you travel. You will print your I-94 during orientation. These are very important documents. Do not lose them. **Always carry your passport, visa, I-20/DS-2019, and I-94 with you while traveling in the U.S.**

http://www.nafsa.org/Find_Resources/Supporting_International_Students_And_Scholars/Network_Resources/International_Student_and_Scholar_Services/10_Points_to_Remember_When_Applying_for_a_Nonimmigrant_Visa/10_Points_to_Remember_When_Applying_for_a_Nonimmigrant_Visa - June 11, 2009

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Students at the Library



Language and Culture Fair

Holi Festival



Traveling to Truman

Travel Plan Confirmation

As soon as you have obtained your student visa, you should finalize your travel arrangements and notify Truman to keep the Center for International Students fully informed on them. Complete the Travel Plan Form [here](#).

Recommended Routes to Kirksville, Missouri

If you Arrive in Kansas City, Missouri:

- Take the Truman shuttle from Kansas City International Airport to Truman's campus (3 hours).
- Take the Amtrak train from Kansas City, Missouri to La Plata, Missouri (2 hours). Then take a Truman shuttle from La Plata, Missouri to campus (15 minutes).

If you Arrive in Chicago, Illinois:

- Take the Amtrak train from Chicago, Illinois to La Plata, Missouri (5 hours). Take a Truman shuttle from La Plata, Missouri to campus (15 minutes).

NOTE: you may have heard about a St. Louis option; however, the local airport is no longer flying from St. Louis to Kirksville and vice versa. Therefore, we do not recommend traveling to St. Louis unless you opt to get a taxi or personal ride. Please note that a taxi from St Louis to Kirksville will be extremely expensive.

Truman Shuttles

Truman provides shuttles specifically for newly arriving international students. These shuttles run by reservation only. You can reserve a space on one of these shuttles on the Travel Plan Form [here](#).

From Kansas City International Airport

- Friday, August 11th, and Saturday, August 12th, 2023.
- Pick up at Terminal B, Gate 45
- Departs 10:00 - **the shuttle will not wait for late arrivals.**
- Arrives at Truman at approximately 15:00.
- Cost is \$75

From the La Plata Amtrak Station

- Friday, August 11th, and Saturday, August 12th, 2023.
- Pick up at the La Plata Amtrak Train Station upon student arrival
- Cost is \$25

Scheduling and Buying Tickets

Public transit in the United States, especially in the Midwest, is **less common** than in many other countries. It is important to book your tickets for all parts of your travel in advance to assure seat availability. Additionally, transit is often delayed so we encourage you to leave plenty of time to make connections.

Amtrak Train:

- Tickets can be bought online at amtrak.com.

Taxi Information

If you need help traveling around Kirksville, you may be able to hire a taxi. *D&D Taxi* is a taxi company operating in Kirksville. You can contact them at (660) 665-4181. You may be able to get a taxi from Kansas City to Kirksville, but availability is not guaranteed. Usually students who are able to get a Taxi from KC to Kirksville have to pay around \$400.

Hotel Information

If you arrive in the US before August 11th, 2023, you will need somewhere to stay before check-in day. We are only using our shuttles on the 11th and the 12th, and we will **not** check in students early, as the dorms will not be open.

Kansas City Airport

You may need to stay in a Kansas City Airport hotel if you arrive early and plan to take the shuttle to Kirksville, Missouri. Many airport hotels provide free shuttle service to and from the airport. Prices range from approximately \$50 to \$120 per night.

Comfort Inn	11100 NW Ambassador Dr	Platte City, MO 64079	816-569-2500
Best Western Country Inn	11900 Plaza Circle Drive	Kansas City, MO 64153	816-431-2823
Hampton Inn	11212 North Newark Circle	Kansas City, MO 64153	816-464-5454
Holiday Inn	11728 N Ambassador Dr.	Kansas City, MO 64153	816-861-8400
Hilton	8801 NW 112 th Street	Kansas City, MO 64153	816-891-8900
Residence Inn	10300 N Ambassador Dr.	Kansas City, MO 64153	816-741-2300
Sleep Inn	7611 NW 97 th Terrace	Kansas City, MO 64153	816-891-0111
Econo Lodge	11300 NW Prairie View Rd.	Kansas City, MO 64153	816-464-5082

Kirksville

Students who arrive early will need to stay in a hotel until arrival day.

Kirksville Inn & Suites	2702 S. Franklin Street	660-627-1100
Days Inn	3805 South Baltimore Street	660-665-8244
Quality Inn	2209 N. Baltimore	660-665-2205
Knights Inn	2521 S Franklin Street	660-665-8352
Holiday Inn Express	2523 S Franklin Street	660-956-4682
Hampton Inn	2604 N Baltimore Street	660-956-4686

COVID-19 Regulations

As an international student, it is important to be aware of the COVID-19 policies on campus and when entering the US.

- Starting November 08, 2021, international students traveling to the US **must be fully vaccinated**. Certain exceptions apply based on country of origin. For more details, visit this [CDC webpage](#) and check out [our summary of the new rules](#).
- As of February 25, 2022, masks are no longer required on campus. Those who wish to wear a mask are welcome to. The University will continue to follow CDC guidance for quarantining and isolation.
- All classrooms have returned to their original capacities. This permits all classes and activities to return to in-person if they are offered that way.
- As of June 16, 2022, the US no longer requires a negative COVID test to enter the country.

For more information on COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions for International Students, go [here](#).

Housing

Truman State University Housing Policies

1. All freshmen *under the age of 21* are required to live on-campus.
 - a. Freshmen under 21 are not allowed to move off-campus for any reason during their contracted term
 - b. Freshmen under 21 who arrive in August must live on-campus for two semesters
2. Freshmen over the age of 21 may choose to live on or off campus.
3. Graduate students, visiting students, re-applicants, and transfer students may choose to live on or off campus. **If you choose to live off-campus, you do not need to complete a housing application.** Transfer students do not have to live on-campus if they are over the age of 18.
4. Students who choose to break their housing contract and move off-campus during the term of their contract are subject to penalties of a minimum of **US\$1000** up to the full cost of housing.
5. Students who stay for the whole year do not have to move out of their dorm rooms over winter break.
 - a. **All** students must move out of dorm rooms at the end of the academic year before the summer break.

Applying for Housing

To secure housing, you must complete and return the Housing Application and pay the housing deposit of \$150. When you submit your housing application, it becomes a contract. As long as you leave your room in good condition and meet the terms of your contract, \$125 of your deposit will be refunded at the end of the academic year. The Residence Life Office does its best to accommodate your preferences, but hall choice is *not* guaranteed.

- To find more information about individual residence hall rooms and costs, visit truman.edu/residence-life/

- You will likely be placed with an American roommate. We avoid placing international students from the same country together because we want students to make the most out of their experience in the U.S. Your housing application includes a Roommate Survey where you can list your living preferences and be matched with a student who has similar answers.
- Students who choose to live off-campus should arrive several days prior to the beginning of the semester to locate an off-campus apartment or use the internet to try to find an apartment prior to arriving in Kirksville.
 - Students may not live on-campus while searching for an off-campus apartment. We do not provide temporary housing on-campus. You may find it necessary to stay in a hotel until you find an apartment.
- The Housing Application is a *legal* document. **Breaking the residence hall contract to move off-campus, after the semester has begun, will result in a severe financial penalty.**

Dorms on campus:

BNB Hall



Ryle Hall



Missouri Hall



West Campus Suites



Centennial Hall



Dobson Hall (Pet Friendly)

Additional On Campus Services

Dining Services – Ryle Hall and Missouri Hall each offer dining facilities. Truman also has two coffee shops and two convenience stores that sell snacks, meals-to-go, and personal care items. Main Street Market in the Student Union Building serves a variety of fresh hot meals to order and is open throughout the day and evening. Truman offers several different Meal Plan options, which give students the flexibility to select the one that will fit his or her personal needs. You can pick a meal plan in your Housing Application.

Computer Access – Truman offers free, campus-wide wireless internet access to all students. All buildings on campus and most outdoor areas have wireless internet access. Each residence hall room has access to the wireless campus network and has one network port per resident, which allows students to use the internet from their rooms. For more information about IT services, visit <https://its.truman.edu/>

What is provided in each residence hall?

- Bed and mattress
- Desk with drawers and shelves
- Desk chair
- Chest of drawers
- Closet or wardrobe
- Window blinds
- Toilet paper (community bathrooms)
- Mirror (except Ryle)

What should you bring or purchase?

- Bed linen (sheets, pillows, blankets, bedspread)
- Bath towels
- Clothes hangers
- Desk light
- Posters/decorations
- Toilet paper (suite style bathrooms)

What is not permitted in the residence halls?

- Pets (except fish)
- Hot plates
- Hot pots
- Toasters
- Waterbeds
- Electric Heaters
- Candles
- Weapons of any kind



Community lounge – Centennial Hall



West Campus Suites Room

Payment of Tuition and Fees

You must pay all tuition and fees (including housing, orientation, insurance, activities fee, etc.) by Friday, August 25th, 2023, at 17:00. Students must arrange to have the funds available by that date. Options for payment of the fees include:

- Transfer money using Flywire at Truman.flywire.com. This is the only accepted method to wire fees to Truman.
- Pay by e-check, an electronic debit to your checking or savings account, available online at TruView for students or mybill.truman.edu for authorized users. There is no fee for this option.
- Pay by check mailed to Truman State University, Business Office, McClain Hall 105, 100 E Normal, Kirksville, MO 63501-0754 or drop by the payment drop box at the cashier window in McClain Hall 105. There is no fee for this option.
- Pay by Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express credit cards online at TruView for students or mybill.truman.edu for authorized users. A convenience fee will be added to the payment amount. A 2.85% convenience fee will be added to the payment amount.
- **Do not bring cash to pay your fees. If stolen, cash cannot be replaced.**

Please note if paying by check or card in-person, the bank account must be from the US and cannot be an international account. For more information about payment methods, click [here](#).

Other payment options

Truman also offers a Student Flexible Payment plan, where you are able to divide your semester payment in four installments. You can find all necessary information about the form of payment [here](#). For information on how to apply for this payment plan, click [here](#).

How to open a Bank Account

One essential step for transitioning into life in the US is to open a bank account. A bank account helps you manage your money in the most efficient and accessible way. Kirksville has a variety of banks to choose from:

- US bank (most common, recommended)
- Bank Midwest
- Alliant Bank
- Northeast Missouri State Bank
- Bank of Kirksville

In order to open a bank account, you need the following:

- Passport or state-issued ID
- Social Security Number
- Proof of address
- Proof of enrollment (optional)
- Student ID (optional)

Course Enrollment

After you complete the Registration Agreement, Registration Questionnaire/ Exchange Student Course Request Form, and Math Placement Exams, your file will be sent to the Center for Academic Excellence where the advisors will build you a class schedule based on your academic interests and background. You will receive your course schedule during orientation. If you are unhappy with your schedule, you will have the opportunity to discuss this with your academic advisor and change your classes.

Course Descriptions / Courses Offered for the Semester

Students can view all available courses for each semester, as well as individual descriptions of each course and explanations of the requirements for each major, in the [Truman Catalog](#). For more specific information about the instructors on each course, go to TruView > Accepted International Student > Registration Tools > Search Open Course List > Select Applicable Semester.

Courses Offered for Fall Semester

Go to the [Truman Registrar Website](#) and click on “Current Courses” on the left side of the screen. Select Fall 2023 in the term box and click submit.

Foreign Language Requirements for International Students

As a liberal arts and sciences university, Truman requires students to attain proficiency in a foreign language. This requirement is waived for international students who are non-native English speakers. If you wish to study Chinese, German, Italian, Latin, Spanish, or French, you must take the appropriate Foreign Language Placement Test on TruView. You do not need to take a placement test to study Arabic, Russian, Japanese, Portuguese, and Ancient Greek.

You CANNOT take foreign language instruction classes taught in your native language. You will not receive credit for classes taken in your native language.

Transfer Credit

To consider advanced placement credits or transfer credits, Truman requires official transcripts from your previous college or university and course descriptions as well. These documents may have been submitted to the Center for International Students during your application process, but you must submit your final official transcripts, for all your credits to be considered for transfer credit evaluation.

Sources of Transfer Credit

1. Secondary School: On occasion, transfer credit will be awarded for higher level secondary school courses in which the subject content equals the content of a Truman course.
2. Colleges and Universities previously attended: There is no limit on the number of credits that can be transferred from a university. However, students must complete a minimum of 45 credit hours at Truman in order to qualify for a degree at Truman. Of this 45, the last 28 credits must

immediately precede the granting of the degree. A minimum of 15 credit hours of required major coursework must be completed at Truman.

3. **A-Levels:** Transfer credit may be given for A-level examinations with a grade of C and above. **Your official score report must be mailed to our office directly from the Cambridge International Exam Board.**
4. **International Baccalaureate:** Students who complete the IB with a minimum score of 30 will receive a minimum of 30 transfer credits (equal to one academic year of study).
5. **Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination:** Truman will accept scores of 1-4 on CAPE results for credit.
6. **Advanced Placement:** Advanced Placement credit, or AP credit, is achieved through examinations administered through high schools. In order to obtain credit through an AP examination, a minimum score must be achieved. In order to view a list of AP transferable credit with minimum score requirements, go [here](#).

Health Requirements and Health Services

Student Health Center and the History Form

The Student Health Center is an on-campus health facility staffed by a physician, trained nurse practitioners, and nurses. The center is open Monday through Friday. Students can make appointments by calling or scheduling an appointment online. The charges will be filed to your health insurance. Any fees not covered by your health insurance will be charged to your student account and must be paid. All services are confidential to you and your physician only.

Please complete the [Medical History Form](#) as thoroughly as possible. Students who do not have this form on file will be required to complete one prior to being seen for any non-emergency care. Please keep us up to date on whether you have submitted this form [here](#).

Services Provided:

- General Medical Care
- Health and Wellness Education
- Immunizations & TB Testing
- Nutritional Counseling
- Reproductive Health Care (for men and women)
- Allergy Injections
- COVID-19 rapid tests

Immunization Requirements

1. **Two Doses of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) Vaccinations:** The two doses of measles, mumps, rubella required by the immunization policy can be met in three ways. One way is for an individual to receive two doses of the combined vaccine measles, mumps, rubella (MMR). Another way is for an individual to receive two doses of the combined vaccine measles & rubella (MR), and two individual doses of the mumps vaccine. Lastly, an individual can receive individual measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines; two doses of each individual vaccine must be received to complete the requirement. The first set of measles, mumps, and rubella immunization must have been received on or after the student's first birthday. The second dose must have been received at least one month after the first dose was received.

2. **One Meningococcal Vaccination:** This must have been received after the student's 16th birthday.

All documentation of vaccinations must be in English.

Mandatory Tuberculosis Testing

Truman has adopted a policy requiring Tuberculosis (TB) screening and testing for international students. All students will be tested during the first week of classes. Anyone testing positive for TB will have a chest x-ray and follow-up treatment. The cost of the testing will be partially defrayed by your student health insurance.

University Counseling Center

The University Counseling Center is available for all currently enrolled Truman students. Every counselor at the Counseling Center is a licensed practical counselor, has extensive training in counseling, and is professionally dedicated to working with college students. Their services include individual, group, and relationship counseling, as well as screenings and consultations.

Health Insurance

Healthcare is very expensive in the United States. Truman State University requires health insurance coverage for all international students—any student attending Truman State University who is not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States. Students are automatically billed for the International Student Medical Insurance Plan by The Lewer Agency, Inc. on their student account and pay for it with their tuition and other fees. This provides you with insurance coverage during your time at Truman. All students except for ISEP students will have insurance through the Lewer Agency, Inc. while at Truman; there won't be waivers or exemptions. Due to this, we recommend that you do not purchase international insurance.

Insurance Exclusions:

Even with insurance, some expenses are excluded and will be the responsibility of the student. The excluded services will be described upon arrival. This insurance plan does not cover dental or vision care. We suggest you take care of these needs before leaving home.

Cost:

The fee for health insurance coverage is approximately \$800 each semester. This fee is charged on your student account and must be paid with your tuition and other fees.



Support for International Students

International Orientation is an introductory event to the American and Truman culture and an explanation of the processes, procedures and policies governing your studies and time in the U.S. Attendance at the International Orientation is mandatory for all new Truman international students. Please arrange your travel itinerary accordingly!

Cultural Integration Leaders are American students that help new international students adjust to the social and cultural differences of American college life. The Cultural Integration Leaders are here to welcome new students to campus and they continue to work with students throughout their time at Truman.

International Ambassadors are current international students who have successfully transitioned to college life and want to help you do the same. You may have already spoken with an International Ambassador before you arrived at Truman, as they reach out by calling admitted students and managing the Newly Admitted Truman Students Facebook page. You will have many opportunities to connect with the International Ambassadors upon your arrival and during International Student Orientation. The International Ambassadors have shared the same experiences you will face as an international student at Truman and are an excellent source of information.

Center for International Students is responsible for recruitment, admission, orientation, and support of all international students. Staffed by the Assistant Director for International Education, the International Admissions Coordinator and Counselor, the International Student Advisor, and many teams of student assistants, supports students from the application process to graduation and beyond.

Academic Success Mentors is an outreach program run by the Center for International Students, aimed at helping new international students adjust to the American educational system. New students will begin meeting with their Academic Success Mentor, a student at Truman, during the first full week of classes. Students will receive an email from their assigned mentor to arrange a convenient time to meet. Participation in the Academic Success Mentors Program is mandatory for all new degree-seeking students as it is a condition of admission to Truman.

New Student Advisors & the Center for Academic Excellence - The professional advisors, peer advisors, and tutors of the Center for Academic Excellence help students make a smooth academic and social transition to Truman, beginning with freshmen orientation (Truman Week) and transfer student orientation. Our Academic Advisors assist all new students with registration and ensure that students find the campus resources they need for success.

Cultural Clubs – Student organizations centered around certain countries or areas of the world are popular at Truman to teach others about the countries and cultures they represent and to support students from those countries and cultures.

The Writing Center- The Truman State University Writing Center provides all Truman students with a comfortable environment for conversations about writing. Writing Consultants assist students in generating ideas, drafting, revising, and editing. The Writing Consultants are always ready to share ideas about writing strategies and techniques.

Orientation

International Student Orientation is **MANDATORY** for all new international freshman, transfer, exchange students, and even those who have lived or studied in the U.S. before. Although a student may already have experience in the U.S., it is important to learn about specific university procedures, local culture, and regulations. At orientation, you will learn about policies and procedures which will make the transition to life in Kirksville and at Truman much smoother. On-time arrival to Truman's campus is a great opportunity to accommodate yourself to the new surroundings, learn the essential rules of the university, and most importantly to meet other American and international students. All students are charged an orientation fee, so make sure you get the most value and attend all the orientation events and activities.

In orientation sessions, we cover a variety of essential information such as how to maintain legal status in the United States, how to adjust to the American classroom and campus, registration procedure, as well as explaining health insurance, employment options, money management, and much more. During orientation, new students will meet people who will serve as resources throughout their time at Truman. You will have the chance to meet Truman students who work in the CIS and to familiarize yourself with your student advisor. Last but not least, International Student Orientation is fun and is what many international students will remember as their first positive experiences at Truman.



Employment

Employment for international students in the U.S. is limited by law. International students may ONLY work on-campus up to 20 hours per week while classes are in session and up to 39 hours per week during breaks and holidays. However, students should not rely on on-campus employment as a significant source of financial support. Students may not work off-campus without permission from the U.S. government and this permission is granted only under very specific circumstances. Working off-campus without permission will result in loss of non-immigrant status.

CONTACT US:

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100 E Normal Avenue
Kirksville, Missouri 63501.

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