

Why Attending a Liberal Arts & Sciences University is a Great Advantage.

At its core, a liberal arts and sciences university helps students learn *how to think*, not *what to think*.

Rather than preparing students for one specific job after graduation, we focus on developing well-rounded individuals who can adapt, solve problems, and communicate effectively for success in a lifetime of careers.

At Truman, students pick a major, but they also take courses across a wide range of subjects that purposefully show the value of multiple disciplines working together to understand an issue and develop workable solutions. This approach gives them the flexibility to shape their studies, broaden their perspectives, and develop versatile skills they can apply in any career and in their lives.



How a Liberal Arts Education from Truman Makes a Difference:

- A well-rounded educational approach centered on the liberal arts and sciences, providing a broad base of knowledge from various areas of study
- Focused on imparting critical thinking skills that are necessary to achieve success along the career paths of today and those in the future
- Emphasis on small classes, creating an atmosphere for interaction, active discussion, and hands-on learning
- A dedicated system of mentorship that links students with a variety of faculty members for guidance and support
- An approach that challenges you to explore new pathways, leading you to an area of specialty that ultimately matches your passion and your skills
- Centered on developing the whole person, someone who is poised to be a leader, achieve success in their chosen career, and embrace lifelong learning

Key Features of a Liberal Arts & Sciences Education

- **Breadth + Depth:** Students build expertise in a major and gain strong foundational skills across multiple fields.
- **Interdisciplinary Learning:** Classes encourage students to connect ideas across subjects.
- **Critical Thinking First:** Emphasis on analysis, problem solving, research, and experimentation.
- **Flexible Pathways:** Students shape their own academic plan.



Who Thrives in This Environment?

A liberal arts and sciences university is a great fit for students who:

- Are naturally curious and love learning
- Want to focus in a major, but also know the world's complex problems require insight from a wide range of areas
- Want close relationships with professors
- Value being prepared for life, not just their first job
- Prefer smaller classes and an engaged campus community

Why Liberal Arts & Sciences Sets You Up to Win

- **You can do more than one thing.** A broad foundation means you're not stuck in a single lane. You can pivot as work demands change.
- **Bosses want these skills.** Communication, problem-solving, and collaboration are the top abilities employers say they want.
- **You stand out from the crowd.** Creativity, adaptability, and people skills make you harder to replace (by a new hire or by AI).
- **You'll lead faster.** Being able to connect the dots across different fields makes you the one others turn to for answers.
- **It pays off long-term.** Careers change—sometimes fast. A liberal arts background gives you options, not limits.

One Simple Way to Remember It

Breadth + Depth = Distinction

- **Breadth** across many subjects and ways of thinking
- **Depth** in a chosen major
- Equals distinctive students who stand out for graduate or professional school, careers, leadership, and lifelong learning

