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, computerassisted languagelearning, digital discourse, and a native American writing system (Meskwaki). This year, they leading workshops on linguistic discrimination, language and gender in minoritized communities, and the perceptual aspects of sociolinguistic judgments.

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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.



At Truman, you take a variety of classes which explore different aspects of linguistics: courses on language acquisition, histories of language, structure of language, meaning, discourse, and courses mixed with other subjects such as gender studies and psychology. You could be in a class with historical linguists, polyglots, future teachers, computer science linguists, anthropological linguists, and much more. The linguistics major is heavily connected to the study abroad programs, and other programs such as the Peace Corps, which means that you have an abundance of opportunity which you can take advantage of. Additionally, the Visiting Ofstad Scholars program brings in guest lecturers and professors, which is an amazing and unique opportunity to learn from others and to see work that they have done in linguistics.

- MADELINE LEE, Class of 2022

Academic Interests: Linguistics major with an Anthropology minor Student Involvement: Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Track and Field, Phi Sigma Pi National Honors Fraternity, Equestrian Team Hometown: St. Louis, Missouri



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