Truman State University

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Truman State University, formerly Northeast Missouri State University, is Missouri's premier statewide public liberal arts and sciences university. Founded in 1867, Truman State University has a long history of being nationally recognized for its innovative assessment program and commitment to providing a high-quality education at an affordable price. *U.S. News and World Report* consistently ranks Truman State University as the number one public university in the Midwest region - Master's category - as well as the 8th best university in the Midwest region. Truman is the only public university in Missouri to appear on their top 15 listing. *Money* magazine has also recognized Truman for six consecutive years as one of the nation's top ten best educational values. More than 6200 students attend Truman State University. Truman now offers 43 undergraduate and 9 graduate areas of study in 12 academic divisions. Commitment, uniqueness of purpose, and concentration on student learning has brought Truman to its present mission. Designed to bring a new sense of coherence to each student's educational experience, and to impart the qualities of mind and spirit which distinguish educated persons, the programs and environment of the University are the latest examples in Truman's history of creative, responsive, and innovative planning.

Kirkville, Missouri

Located in northeast Missouri, Kirksville was founded in 1841 as the county seat of Adair County. Kirksville has prospered through the years in large part due to the exceptionally diversified local economy. Agriculture, industry, medicine and education all employ many Kirksville citizens and have helped the community to mature into the economic and cultural center of Northeast Missouri. Kirksville's particular assets include a nationally recognized public liberal arts university, a medical college and long-standing industries. Kirksville has a population of 17,286 and is located 168 miles northeast of Kansas City, 204 miles northwest of St. Louis and 92 miles north of Columbia.