

# TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## QUICK FACTS

## JUSTICE SYSTEMS

### FACULTY

- ▶ The Justice Systems Department includes four full-time faculty members and four part-time faculty members with experience in policing, customs, offender treatment, forensic science, juvenile justice, intelligence, prosecution, and courtmartial.
- ▶ We have a diverse faculty from across the U.S. and abroad who received their degrees from both public and private institutions.
- ▶ Our faculty members are professionally active at the local, state, and national levels. For example, they currently, or have recently, served as members of the following organizations:  
Alpha Phi Sigma  
The American Board of Criminalistics  
The American Corrections Association  
The Clandestine Laboratory Investigating Chemists Association  
The Illinois, Missouri, and Adair County Bar Associations.  
International Association Chiefs of Police  
Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists  
Missouri Association of Crime Lab Directors  
Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys  
Missouri Juvenile Justice Association  
The National Coalition of Juvenile Justice  
Western Society of Criminology
- ▶ Our faculty regularly present at conferences, and, occasionally, take undergraduate students with them. This year we will host the national regional Lambda Alpha Epsilon conference.
- ▶ The department regularly hosts visiting professors who are on campus to consult with colleagues, deliver public lectures or talk to classes. We encourage students to interact with visiting scholars both in and out of class by hosting receptions and lunches. Annually we host The Court of Appeals for the Western District of Missouri which hears cases on campus.

### STUDENTS

- ▶ Nearly 150 students are majoring in Justice Systems
- ▶ Students compete at local, regional, and national levels as part of the Mock Trial Team sponsored by the American Mock Trial Association; Lambda Alpha Epsilon, sponsoring academic, physical agility, crime scene investigations, and marksmanship competitions; and Alpha Phi Sigma, engaging in activities, such as crime scene investigations, and national conferences. In the last few years, students have presented research at the American Society of Victimology.
- ▶ Pre-Law Club offers LSAT test preparation, a weekly publication, and weekly activities including local and out of town guest speakers.
- ▶ Approximately 40% of our graduates attend graduate or law school and the other 60% enter the work force.
- ▶ Examples of graduate schools and law schools currently attended by our graduates include:  
Case Western Reserve University  
Saint Louis University  
Southern Illinois University  
University of Indiana  
University of Iowa  
University of Missouri-Columbia  
University of Missouri-Kansas City  
University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Washington University in St. Louis
- ▶ Examples of doctoral and masters programs:  
Criminal Justice Ph.D.  
Sociology Ph.D.  
Psychology Ph.D.  
Doctor of Jurisprudence  
Masters of Criminal Justice  
Masters of Social Work  
Masters of Forensic Science  
Master of Arts in Psychology

### FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

- ▶ All Justice Systems faculty are down the hallway from the Northeast Area Criminalistics Laboratory in Barnett Hall.
- ▶ We have four new classrooms and a computer lab. In addition we have a student work center where students help with faculty research.
- ▶ The Northeast Area Criminalistics Laboratory is housed at Truman and is utilized as a public service to northeast Missouri in addition to providing public tours, student learning, and scholarship.
- ▶ A student-centered area near the department offices includes an open computer lab and a convenience store with tables and chairs where students and faculty can gather, study, and socialize.

### CURRICULUM

- ▶ We offer a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Justice Systems and a minor in Justice Systems. We will soon be involved in an interdisciplinary minor in forensic science.
- ▶ Our curriculum provides a solid disciplinary foundation with integrated development of knowledge and skills feeding into a method and theory core and a chance to explore a range of special topics in upper level courses.
- ▶ We provide numerous opportunities for students to conduct undergraduate research on-campus, either with a Truman faculty member or as an independent research project.
- ▶ A wide spectrum of internship experiences are available.
- ▶ Our largest courses have nearly 35 students; the average class size is 22 students.