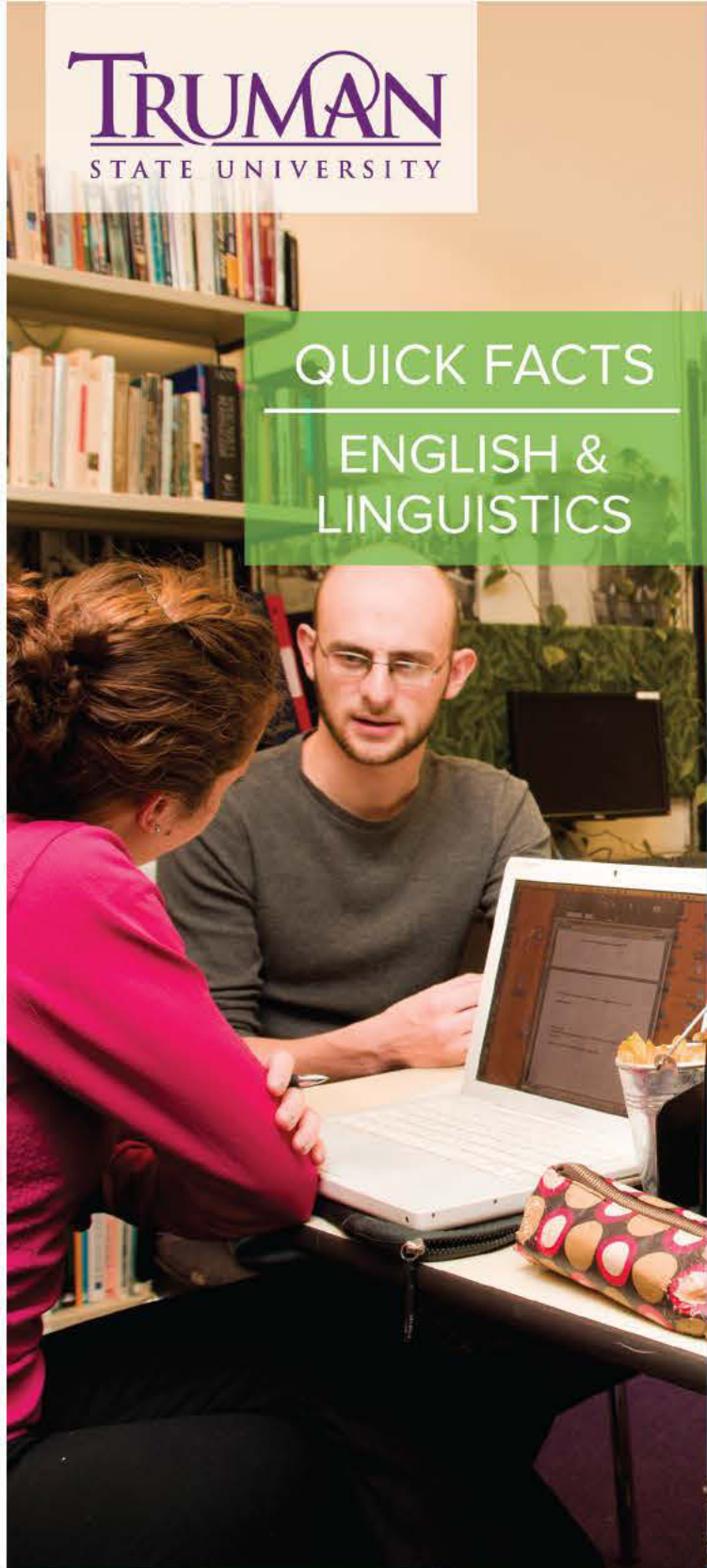


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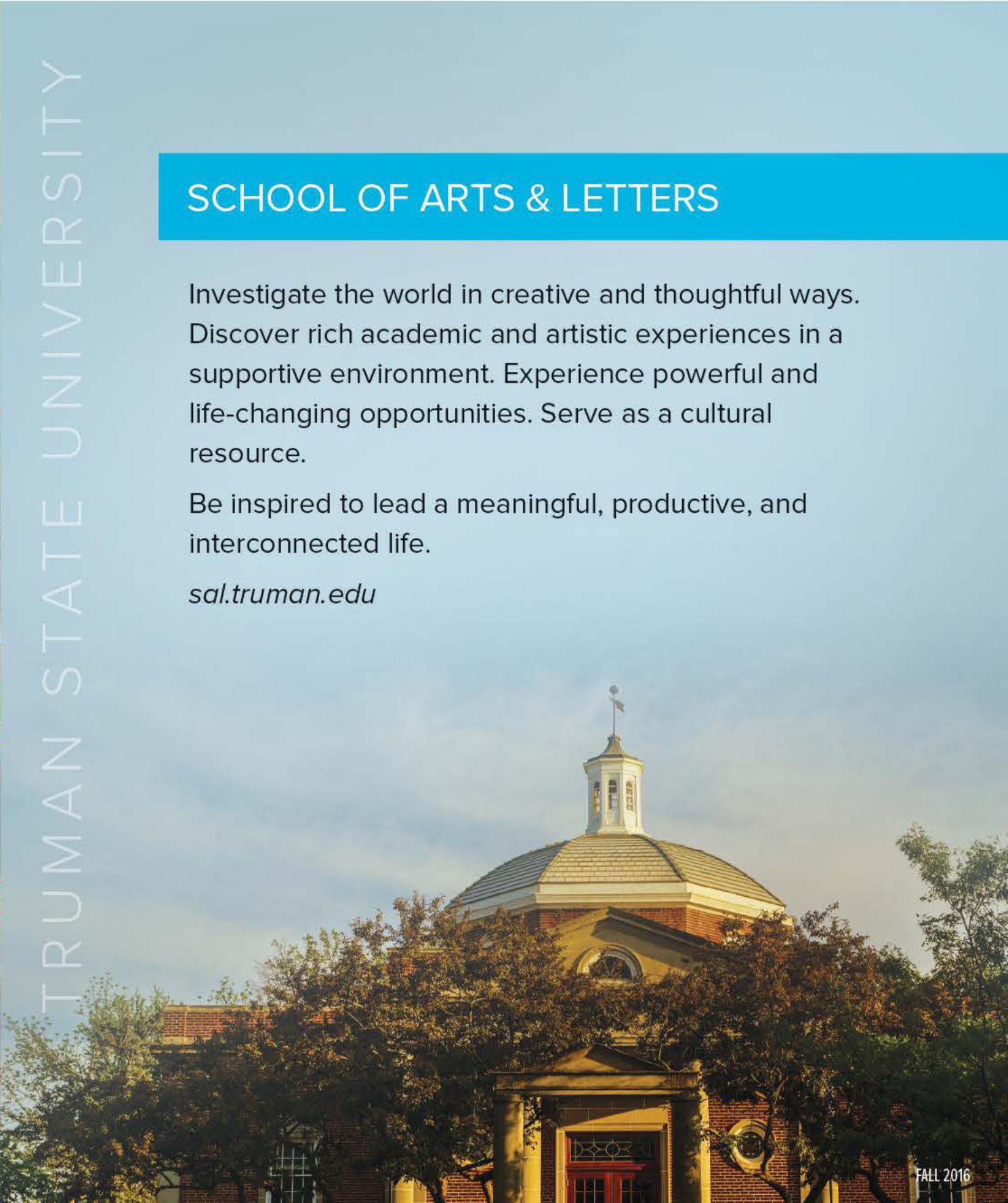
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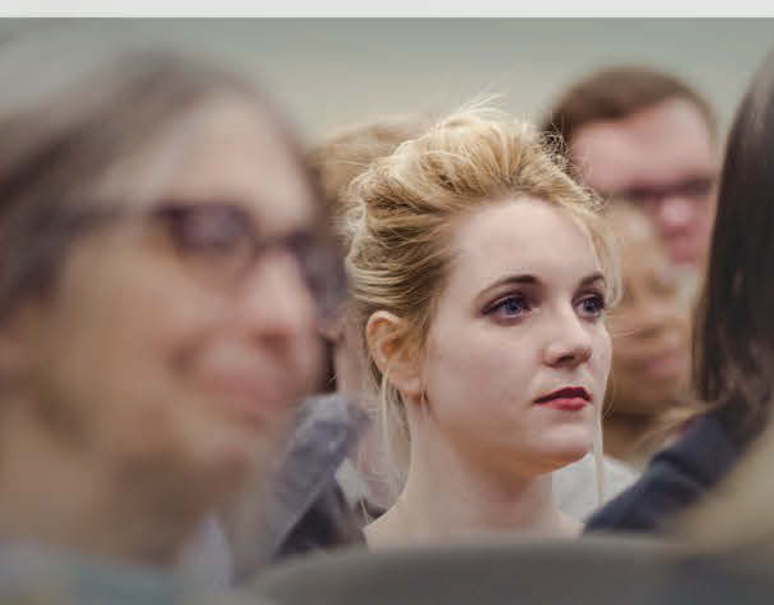


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353 approximate number of students pursuing one of these majors

112 approximate number of students pursuing minors in English and in Linguistics

27 full-time faculty members

3 part-time faculty members

94% of faculty members have a terminal degree in the field

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- Interact in writing courses that are typically limited to 15-20 students and linguistics and literature courses that average fewer than 25 students.
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- Discuss writers who have changed the way we think about ourselves and the world. When you take our courses you won't just read more books, you'll think broadly and adventurously about the power of language and literature to shape our lives and transform our world.
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Join efforts to help edit and publish Truman's literary journals and many other publications.

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 Associate Professor of English

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 - AFL-CIO; Chester, New Hampshire
 - Barnes-Jewish Hospital; St. Louis, Missouri
 - Cerner Corporation; Kansas City, Missouri
 - Country Music Hall of Fame Library; Nashville, Tennessee
 - Hallmark; Kansas City, Missouri
 - Missouri Historical Society; St. Louis, Missouri
 - National Public Radio; Washington, D.C.
 - Summer Play Festival; New York City, New York
 - Teaching Conversational English as a Foreign Language; China
 - US Department of State; Washington, D.C.
 - Walt Disney World; Orlando, Florida
 - Zen Del Secondary School; Taiwan

After the Degree (Grad Schools & Employers)

- Pursue a career in nearly any field you can imagine. Recent graduates have used the skills they developed in their studies as digital marketers, human resource professionals, attorneys, teachers of English as a foreign language, television scriptwriters, editors, high school teachers, university professors, novelists, project managers and medical professionals (among other careers).
- Recent graduates have enrolled in diverse graduate programs, including the following:
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 - PhD in Medieval Studies, Washington University in St. Louis
 - University of Texas at Austin
 - PhD in Educational Studies, Emory University
 - MFA in Creative Writing, Michener Center for Writers, University of Texas at Austin
 - PhD in English, Vanderbilt University
 - MFA in Screenwriting, University of Southern California