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DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

Go on the intellectual adventure of a lifetime exploring some of humanity's most important questions, and prepare yourself well for life beyond college.

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# DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION



"Truman's Philosophy & Religion program gives me the opportunity to get to know all my professors personally, and the support I get from them helps me realize my potential. My professors' genuine love for teaching inspires me to become a better student and their enthusiasm makes school fun."

**Kara Boschert, Class of 2014**  
Pursued at Truman: Philosophy & Religion,  
English minor  
Hometown: St. Louis, Missouri

## The "Life" Major Explores the Nature of Reality...

Examine the efforts of people throughout history to know themselves, their society, and their purpose in life. Figure out how to do heroic battle with ignorance, fear, and injustice. Explore religious traditions and see the world through others' eyes. Challenge your preconceived notions about what is "true" and "right" in the world. This program's emphasis on critical thinking, problem-solving, and clear communication makes our graduates among the most attractive to employers and graduate schools.

Learn. Understand. Prepare for a life that matters!

### PURSuing PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

**BA** MAJOR & MINOR OFFERED  
DEGREE OFFERED  
**Philosophy & Religion**

**46**

approximate number of students pursuing this major

**43**

approximate number of students pursuing this minor

**100%** of faculty members have a terminal degree in the field

**9** full-time faculty members

**2** part-time faculty members

DEPARTMENTAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS  
Philosophy & Religion Club, Art of Living Club and Students for Middle East Peace

[PHILOSOPHY-RELIGION.TRUMAN.EDU](http://PHILOSOPHY-RELIGION.TRUMAN.EDU)

## Faculty

- The Philosophy & Religion Department includes 9 full-time and 2 part-time faculty members, all of whom hold a terminal degree (PhD or ThD) in their field from such prestigious schools as the University of Chicago and Princeton University.
- Learn more about the faculty at [truman.edu/philosophy-religion-faculty](http://truman.edu/philosophy-religion-faculty).

## Curriculum

- Receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree or a minor in Philosophy & Religion.
- The Philosophy & Religion major is flexible. Almost half of your peers in this program will be double-majors!
- Gain a great complement to pre-professional programs, especially in Education and Health Sciences – fields in which Truman's Philosophy & Religion majors regularly find jobs after graduation.

## What Makes Philosophy & Religion Students Distinctive?

- Writing** Develop strong, clear, persuasive writing skills and demonstrate critical thinking. Leave with writing skills applicable to any kind of employment you wish to pursue – an essential qualification that will give you an edge over other candidates for a job.
- Research** Work closely with one or more faculty members on a research project. Multiple presentation opportunities exist locally and nationwide for student work.
- Honors** Gain recognition for your academic achievements, including:
  - The Rhodes Scholarship: In Fall 2009, Truman was honored with its first Rhodes Scholar, Philosophy & Religion major, Andrew McCall.
  - The Fulbright Scholarship
  - Phi Kappa Phi
  - Phi Beta Kappa
  - Theta Alpha Kappa: the undergraduate theological and religious studies honors society



"I count as my greatest success every student I've helped to think a little bit more deeply about the important questions in life. Who are we? What is our purpose? What should we believe? How should we act? I can't think of any greater accomplishment than that."

**Dr. Chad Mohler**  
Professor of Philosophy & Religion

## After the Degree

- 95% of Philosophy & Religion graduates seeking employment are employed.**
- 43% of our graduates pursued or are pursuing a graduate degree in religious studies or theology.**
- 66% of our graduates pursued or are pursuing a graduate degree outside of religious studies (PhD in philosophy, law degree, MBA, etc.).**
- Graduate School** Enroll in any number of the top graduate programs, including the University of Chicago, Vanderbilt University, Princeton University, Duke University, McGill University, or Georgetown Law. Prepare for studies not only in philosophy, theology, and religious studies, but also in fields as diverse as information science, chemistry, physics, library science, and music. Majors report entering graduate school far more prepared than most of their peers in the same programs.
- Law** Receive an ideal preparation for the analytic and argumentative environment of the law profession. A recent survey states that the top major being admitted to law school is philosophy!
- Education** Want to teach elementary or high school? Transition fluidly into Truman's Master of Arts in Education program, with specializations in English as a Second Language (Philosophy & Religion graduates have taught in France and China), Special Education, and Music Education.
- Health Professions** Find opportunities in one of the fastest-growing fields of employment, working in nursing, hospital administration, elder care, and community health.
- Ministry** Interested in religious outreach and education? Some graduates seek seminary degrees at such schools as Columbia Theological Seminary, Covenant Theological Seminary, Denver Seminary, Duke Divinity School, Princeton Theological Seminary, University of Chicago Divinity School, and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and have worked as pastors, chaplains, and youth ministers.
- Non-Profits** Build values and skills that naturally lend themselves to work in non-profit organizations. Find positions in non-government organizations in the Middle East, the Missouri Historical Society, the Peace Corps, grants research, community theatre, intentional/sustainable communities, and state government – just as recent Truman Philosophy & Religion interns did.