International Student Guide

SET YOUR LIFE IN MOTION
ABOUT MARYVILLE COLLEGE:

**FOUNDED IN 1819** by Presbyterian minister Isaac Anderson, Maryville is one of the oldest colleges in the United States and is known for its academic rigor and focus on the liberal arts and sciences. We offer nearly 60 pre-professional programs of study.

Maryville College is one of the nation’s few colleges that requires seniors to complete a comprehensive exam in their major and conduct an extensive Senior Thesis. This is the capstone of Maryville’s academic rigor, and it enables our students to excel in “the real world.” Maryville graduates are ready for that next step in life in their professions or graduate school.

Maryville provides a nurturing academic community in which students are encouraged to excel mentally and culturally while learning how to dedicate their lives creatively in service to others.

We have approximately 1,100 students including a diverse group of international students from over 20 countries. We warmly welcome and support international students!

*Accreditation: Maryville College is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).*

Dr. William Bogart
President, Maryville College
I knew I was going to get an experience of a lifetime at Maryville College, and I did. I met wonderful professors who supported and accepted me as I am.

Min Jung Kim
Boondang, South Korea

In the United States, medicine, dentistry and law are all doctoral programs requiring an undergraduate degree, usually in a related field. Maryville College students are highly successful in obtaining admission to these professional programs after graduation.

**PROGRAMS OF STUDY**

Accounting
American Sign Language and Deaf Studies
American Sign Language-English Interpreting
American Studies
Appalachian Studies
Art
Biochemistry
Biology
Biopharmaceutical Science/Pharm.D
Business
Chemistry
Child Development and Learning
Child Life Certification
Chinese
Computer Science
Counseling
Dance
Design
Economics
Education
Engineering
English
English as a Second Language
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Exercise Science
Finance/Accounting
French
German
Health Care, Nursing
History
Human Resource Management
International Business
International Studies
Japanese
Management
Marketing
Mathematics
Medieval Studies
Ministry and Church Leadership Certification
Music
Music Education, Instrumental
Music Education, Vocal
Music Education, General
Music Performance, Piano
Music Performance, Vocal
Music Theory-Composition
Neuroscience
Non-Profit Leadership Certification
Outdoor Recreation
Philosophy
Physical Education, Health and Recreation
Political Science
Pre-Dentistry
Pre-Law
Pre-Med
Pre-Physical Therapy
Pre-Seminary
Pre-Vet
Psychology
Religion
Sociology
Spanish
Statistics
Theatre
Writing/Communication
Our wide range of courses and quality education prepare you for life after Maryville College, be it work or post-graduate study.

- Student-oriented environment
- Small class sizes, average is 14 students
- Student-faculty ratio of 12:1
- Dedicated academic advisor for each student
- Ninety percent of full-time faculty has doctoral or other terminal degrees

- Classes are taught by experienced faculty and instructors
- Faculty interacts with students, inside the classroom and outside, on our small and friendly campus
- Experienced academic advisors focus on challenges unique to international students
- Our learning center offers support and tutoring at no extra charge. This ensures that our students will excel academically.

Maryville College is:

- Ranked a top Southeast College by The Princeton Review
- A founding member in the national project of Foundations of Excellence in the First Year of College
- Listed in Peterson's Guide to Competitive Colleges and in the John Templeton Foundation's Honor Roll for Character Building Colleges

According to the National Survey of Student Engagement, Maryville College outperformed its peer institutions across the nation in academic achievement, student-faculty interaction and enriching educational experiences.
MARYVILLE COLLEGE’S INTENSIVE ENGLISH program offers English as a Second Language. Courses help students quickly improve their general English or prepare for university studies in the United States. 

- Small classes (average size 6-8)  
- Low costs  
- Highly qualified teachers (at least Master’s degree)  
- 5-week sessions that start year-round (and students can take as many sessions as they want)

- Opportunity to audit undergraduate classes to practice understanding the topic and taking notes without the stress of graded tests or homework  
- College credit for ESL students who continue their studies in any of our undergraduate programs  

Please see separate ESL brochure for more information.

No matter what country you call home, Maryville College invites you to join our community and share your culture with us.

These are just some of the countries where current Maryville students and alumni come from…
Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Chili, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, Ghana, Honduras, India, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, The Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Syria, Taiwan, Thailand, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam.
THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION, located in our International House, helps you succeed and enjoy your experience at Maryville College.

We help you get here:
- Pre-arrival support
- Free airport pick-up
- International student orientation program
- Peer partner and host family programs
- Ongoing special activities such as Thanksgiving dinner, Halloween party, graduation celebration, trips to Atlanta, the Smoky Mountains and other nearby cities
- Academic, social, cultural and immigration advising
- Intensive English program and tutors
- Study abroad advising
- International House
“Maryville College has made me more flexible and open-minded in regards to diversity. The College makes it easy for me to build relationships with others.”

MARYVILLE COLLEGE HAS A LONG TRADITION in welcoming international students. 1884 was the year an international student was first awarded a Maryville College degree! Each year the college also celebrates Kin Takahashi Week to honor a Japanese student who organized the first football team on campus and helped build Bartlett Hall, our student life center.

Our international students follow the example of Kin Takahashi, and our international club, the Global Citizenship Organization, is one of the most active on campus. GCO has both U.S. and international students. This is the perfect opportunity to make friends with people from all over the world!
MARYVILLE COLLEGE IS THE PLACE to explore your options—and your opportunities. Whether you’re on campus—or off—you’ll encounter the people, the places and the experiences that will move you closer to your goals.

MARYVILLE HAS IT ALL
When you come to Maryville College, you’ll be studying in one of the most stunning areas of the country. You’ll experience a small city, beautiful nature and major urban areas. Maryville is located in Tennessee, between the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Knoxville, a major metropolitan city.

Nashville, the capital of Tennessee, is 2.5 hours away by car and Atlanta, the largest city in the south of the U.S., is only 3.5 hours away by car. The nearest airport is only minutes away.

Our region’s climate is generally temperate, with warm summers, mild winters and four distinct seasons.

AREA HIGHLIGHTS:
• Eclectic Maryville including numerous greenways
• Nearby Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the nation’s most visited national park
• The vibrant city of Knoxville, including a lively district downtown of restaurants, nightclubs, shops and green spaces
• Knoxville Volunteer Landing: a paved walk along the Tennessee River with fountains, waterfalls, picnic areas and restaurants
• Museums and historical houses
• Dollywood, a major amusement park
• Minor league baseball, ice hockey and indoor football
• Oak Ridge, a world-renowned scientific research center

Keita Yamada
Miyazaki, Japan
Learn more about Maryville’s organizations. Visit maryvillecollege.edu and search “clubs.”

More than 50 Clubs & Organizations

- Join the leadership team of the Global Citizenship Organization (international club).
- Write a column about your culture for the Highland Echo student newspaper.
- Learn to hang drywall through volunteering for Habitat for Humanity.
- Get involved with the Student Government Association, Community Choir, Japanese club, a Student Programming Board, to mention a few.

Here’s a sample list:
- Anime 101
- Biology Club
- Dance Team
- Environmental Action Team
- Global Citizenship Organization (GCO)
- Model UN
- Peace & World Concerns

EXPERIENCE

Onyekachi Ononye
Lagos, Nigeria

CAMPUS LIVING

Maryville College is a residential college, which means that most students live on campus. Our beautiful, park-like campus has nine residence halls (including co-ed, female-only and male-only halls). All rooms include furnishings, Internet, telephone and cable television hook-ups. Living on campus means that you are no more than a 5-minute walk from classes and other campus activities. Living on campus allows international students to make lifelong friends with fellow students and to learn much more about U.S. culture and the way of life outside the classroom. All the halls have laundry facilities at no extra cost. Maryville College is a compact world that is friendly, safe and easy to navigate.

SPORTS, ARTS AND SERVICES

The campus provides sports facilities (tennis, soccer, baseball, football, exercise rooms, swimming pool, etc.) for students interested in becoming college athletes and for those who want to play or exercise recreationally. Our unique Mountain Challenge outdoor program gives students the opportunity to enjoy new challenges in the mountains, lakes, rivers and woods. Students interested in fine arts have access to state-of-the-art stages, various art studios and rooms for music practice in our world-class Clayton Center for the Arts. Other services include various dining locations, a bookstore, a post office, a free health clinic and an ATM.
MARYVILLE COLLEGE IS THE PLACE for students who are prepared to study hard and take their academics seriously. Our admissions policies reflect this, and we also look at you as a whole person beyond your academic credentials. We consider your activities and personal achievements.

Our application process is simple:
• Application form (paper or online)
• $25 Application fee
• School records (certified copies in English). We may later ask you to send your official school records to an outside education credential evaluator.
• Essay explaining your reasons for choosing Maryville College, your interests and activities, and an explanation of your financial situation if you are also applying for a scholarship.
• Photocopy of your passport.
• Optional: TOEFL, IELTS, ACT, SAT, EIKEN (STEP) or PTE Academic test results. These are not required but are useful to us. See the information on language proficiency on the left.

Once you are accepted, we will ask you for a $200 tuition deposit and financial records showing your ability to pay for your studies. After we receive all these documents, we will issue the I-20 form that you need for a student visa.

SCHOLARSHIPS
We proudly offer significant scholarships to our international students. Typical scholarships range between $8,000-$19,000 per year and are renewable for up to four years. Higher amounts are available to exceptional students.

For more information about cost and scholarships, go to maryvillecollege.edu/international.

APPLY TO MARYVILLE NOW
Our website is the best resource to describe the application process and apply online. Visit our website maryvillecollege.edu/international or email international@maryvillecollege.edu.

Apply online at maryvillecollege.edu/international/admissions/application/app-1/.
“I found Maryville College while looking at the ranking lists of best colleges. Maryville College is a great choice. Maryville has dedicated professors, friendly people, awesome views and the environment of the Great Smoky Mountains.”

Doan Ninh
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
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