Why study ASL & Deaf Studies at Maryville College?
Are you interested in how language and community unite Deaf culture? The major in ASL & Deaf Studies provides you with the knowledge and experiences to explore that connection. Our program emphasizes development of fluency in ASL, exploration of the creative expression and structure of the language and deep knowledge of and interaction with Deaf culture. You can prepare for further study in Deaf education, linguistics or anthropology at the graduate level or communication skills/cultural knowledge for use in counseling, social work, teaching, working in schools for the Deaf or other service fields.

On-campus resources include: ASL and interpreting labs that provide one-on-one work with nationally certified interpreting mentors; Deaf consultants in ASL lab sessions and interpreting skills courses; and Sigma Lambda Kappa, a campus organization that provides students with opportunities to become involved in various areas of the Deaf community.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY:
- B.A. in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies
- Minor in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies

MEET A STUDENT
Ashley Argo ’20
Hometown: Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Ashley worked at a summer camp for children with special needs where she first was exposed to Sign Language. She became more interested in the language and began to research it while in high school. She discovered Maryville College because of its ASL and Deaf Studies program. “There are very few schools that offer ASL/Deaf studies, and MC’s program has a great reputation,” she said.

Four years after her campus visit, Ashley is now the president of Sigma Lambda Kappa, the student organization designed to provide opportunity for those who want to be involved in the Deaf community. After MC, she plans to attend graduate school and eventually interpret and work in Deaf literacy programs.

MEET A GRADUATE
Gabriella Lupi ’19
Currently: An ASL teacher for Kings Park High School and William T. Rogers Middle School on Long Island, N.Y.
Gabriella teaches Level One ASL to grades 8 through 12. She is responsible for creating lesson plans, unit tests, class work and homework. She is currently working on expanding the ASL program to 7th grade and starting an ASL club at the middle school.

“Maryville College prepared me tremendously for what I’m doing now,” she said. “I was taught the skills I needed to be the best teacher I can be, whether it was to be successful in the educational field itself or just learning different teaching styles. The faculty at MC helped me every step of the way! I will forever cherish and love my time at MC. I wouldn’t trade it for the world.”