Why study History at Maryville College?

Why are things the way they are? Could they be different? What would that take? What can we reasonably expect in decades to come? These are just some of the questions you’ll tackle in the history major at MC. You’ll encounter the seemingly endless diversity of human experience. You’ll explore individuality and social organization, politics and religion, war and peace, art and economy, stability and revolution, the rise and fall of republics and empires and much more. And you’ll be prepared to work in a variety of fields, including teaching, law, museum and historical site curating, nonprofit leadership, business and even sports.

Choose Maryville and you’ll be studying on a campus that is, itself, historic. Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982, the Maryville College Historic District includes 13 structures, many of which are more than 125 years old.

**Brylie Mays ‘21**

Hometown: Crossville, Tenn.

Brylie decided to major in history after enrolling in the “Age of World War” class, an introduction to world history from the outbreak of the First World War to the Great Depression and aftermath of the Second World War.

“History is engaging and presents multiple opportunities,” she said. “It gives one critical thinking skills and communication skills that can be applied to all aspects of life.”

Upon graduation, Brylie hopes to pursue business opportunities and get involved with local historical societies. She is a member of Phi Alpha Theta history honor society and is also on the Maryville College Equestrian Team.

**Mariah Franklin ‘18**

Currently: Pursuing M.A. at Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)

Mariah studied in Bologna, Italy, for her first year in the M.A. program and is currently doing political research in D.C. for her second-year studies, concentrating on international economics and European and Eurasian studies.

“The professors I had at Maryville College were amazing,” she said. “They challenged me to do thorough, responsible research, and their passion for teaching and for engaging with the more pastoral sides of their jobs was inspiring. Maryville’s liberal arts curriculum has also been a great help – making connections between seemingly disparate disciplines is a skill that MC really encourages, and it’s definitely one that has continued to be very useful to me in professional and academic settings.”