Why major in a Foreign Language at Maryville College?

Majoring in a foreign language will help you become a better communicator and citizen of an increasingly global world. From understanding scholarly articles and literature written in other languages to proficiently communicating with people around the world, you will be prepared for a variety of challenges. Graduates of our foreign language programs go on to work with people in the U.S. whose English proficiency is limited, while others work overseas in business, foreign relations, politics, teaching, research, missions, journalism and tourism. In addition to the languages you can major and minor in, French, Italian and Latin are offered every semester. The catalog also allows for occasional offerings of Chinese, Greek and Hebrew. Wherever your path leads, the study of foreign languages will open doors in exciting ways.

MEET A GRADUATE

Nate Long ’19
Currently: Business Planning Specialist at DENSO Manufacturing Tennessee, Inc.

Nate enjoyed Spanish so much in high school that he chose it as one of his majors at Maryville College. (The other major is international business.) He spent Spring 2018 in Pamplona, Spain, studying at the Universidad Pública de Navarra. In addition to improving his Spanish language skills, he learned a lot about Spanish culture.

“I chose Spanish as my major largely because of the idea that I will be able to communicate with a large population of non-English speakers,” he said.

Kelsey White ’10
Currently: Immigrant Health Access Project Program Coordinator, the University of North Carolina-Greensboro Center for New North Carolinians

Kelsey used the skills she learned in the Spanish major to influence her career in public health social work. Her dual master’s degree in social work and public health at UNC-Chapel Hill focused on mental health, substance use and maternal/child health. Now at UNCG, she combines her Spanish and broad public health social work experience with a desire to promote health equity alongside immigrant communities in the Southeast.

“I went into MC with a strong interest in service, and I learned so much about social justice,” she said. “In Dr. [Geoff] Mitchell’s class, I learned that language is tied to everything else, and you have to learn about culture, politics, history and so much more to truly understand and communicate with others. That’s directly related to how a social worker thinks.”