Why study International Studies at Maryville College?

Globalization is more than a buzzword. Understanding the dynamics of a rapidly changing global landscape is crucial for tomorrow’s leaders. The international studies major is designed to give you the knowledge, experience and confidence needed to be successful and make a difference in a diverse and complex world. In our program of study, you will obtain advanced language skills and study abroad for a significant period of time. International studies majors can choose between two courses of study: Global studies focused on economics and politics, or area studies with expertise in Hispanic or Asian studies.

Katarina Hill ’20
Hometown: Knoxville, Tenn.

Katarina, a transfer from Pellissippi State Community College, chose MC because of its international studies major and the atmosphere and environment of the campus.

“I chose international studies because our world is so interconnected, and knowing how the international community works is crucial in any field, especially government work,” she said. “This summer I interned with the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. It was an amazing experience, and I would recommend it to anyone looking to pursue a job in government or worldwide diplomacy.”

Katarina is studying abroad in Jyväskylä, Finland, for the fall 2019 semester. After graduation, she plans to attend law school and eventually work in federal law enforcement.

Grace Costa ’18
Currently: Co-owner of Punto Verde organic coffee shop and store in Puebla City, Mexico

Grace and a friend opened Punto Verde in 2018. In addition to being the full-time manager of the business, Grace is the photographer and graphic designer necessary for marketing efforts.

“International studies is the major that exposes you to a comprehensive examination of humanity: economics, sociology, anthropology, language, history, political theory, travel, etc.,” she said. “With that knowledge, I am able to understand how Mexico’s government and economy function in ways that affect my business and at the same time adapt to a culture and language vastly different from my own. I don’t think any other major would have prepared me better for this experience. Most importantly, Maryville College connected me with the most amazing and inspiring teachers.”