

American Sign Language & Deaf Studies

DIVISION OF
BEHAVIORAL
SCIENCES

PROGRAMS OF STUDY:

- B.A. in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies
- Minor in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies

EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Knoxville Center of the Deaf
- Knoxville Tenn Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
- Tennessee Association of the Deaf (Knoxville)
- Tennessee School for the Deaf

GRADUATE SCHOOL PLACEMENTS

Gallaudet University
University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Xavier University

JOB PLACEMENTS

- Alabama Department of Mental Health Central Office
- Community Advocacy Network
- Knoxville Center of the Deaf
- New York's Department of Education
- Open Arms Corporation
- Sorenson Communications

Why study ASL & Deaf Studies at Maryville College?

Are you interested in how language and community unite Deaf culture? The major in American Sign Language (ASL) & Deaf Studies provides you with the knowledge and experiences to explore that connection. Our program allows students to explore ASL, Deaf Studies, and Psychology research and language advocacy for D/deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing communities. Students will build a foundation in the historical, sociological, and multicultural aspects of D/deaf and deafblind communities to prepare for careers in deaf education or applied contexts such as art history, linguistics, STEM, psychology, business, law, interpreting, or social work. Students will be prepared to pursue graduate-level study and jobs that serve and support D/deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing communities.

On-campus resources include: ASL and interpreting practice sessions 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 come together in settings that encourage the use of American Sign Language and to share their individual journeys in learning this unique language and the Deaf community.

MEET A CURRENT SCOT



Jordan Spencer

Hometown: Lynchburg, Va.

Throughout her academic career at Maryville College, Jordan has grown more confident than ever that her calling lies in service to the Deaf community, she said.

"Through opportunities presented by my professors, I have been able to connect with local members of the Deaf community and have solidified my skills in American Sign Language," she added. "I have been able to speak with graduates who are working in the field that I am to work in, in order to get honest feedback about what it's like."

As a senior, Jordan plans to graduate in the spring of 2023, after a semester internship at the Tennessee School for the Deaf to explore the potential of a career serving Deaf young people.

MEET A RECENT GRAD



Gabriella Lupi '19

Currently: ASL teacher for Kings Park High School and William T. Rogers Middle School, Long Island, N.Y.

Gabriella teaches grades 8-12 level one of American Sign Language. Outside of the classroom, she is working toward a master's degree in Special Education K-12 and coaches the William T. Rogers kickline (dance) team, which is learning ASL to help with facial expressions when performing. She credits Maryville College for giving her the skills needed to be an effective teacher.

"Whether it was to be successful in the educational field itself or just learning different teaching styles and what works for some students and not others, the faculty at MC helped me every step of the way," she said. "I will forever cherish and love my time at MC. I wouldn't trade it for the world!"

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