

Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)

DIVISION OF
LANGUAGES &
LITERATURE

PROGRAMS OF STUDY:



B.A. in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) for Teacher Licensure

EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Alcoa City Schools
- Blount County Schools
- Clayton-Bradley Academy
- Maryville City Schools

RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

The College's Center for Global Engagement

gives students numerous opportunities (studying, interning and volunteering) to travel abroad and experience other cultures and languages, which helps to inform their approach to teaching English learners. Generous scholarships are available to spend summers and semesters abroad.

In recent years, Maryville College has had many graduates accepted into the highly selective **Japan Exchange Teaching (JET) Program**, a Japanese government initiative that recruits college graduates to the East Asian country to teach English. Successful applicants live and work in a Japanese community and represent the United States as cultural ambassadors for up to five years.

Why study Teaching English as a Second Language at Maryville College?

Are you ready to make a difference in a student's life? Maryville College's major in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) prepares you to work with pre-kindergarten through 12th grade language learners. Studies emphasize linguistics, second language acquisition, the psychology of language development and the pedagogical skills needed to have an impact on young English learners. With a requirement to minor in a foreign language, you will better understand the process of learning a language, which will help you connect to your students.

MEET A RECENT GRAD

Ariel Burton '17

Currently: ESL Teacher at Metro Nashville Public School



Ariel is working as a full-time ESL teacher, assisting with all levels of need and more than five languages. Her job consists of many moving parts; however, the main ones include data-driven personalized instruction, fortifying output skills (speaking and writing), and co-teaching with general education teachers to ensure every English learner is getting quality instruction.

"Maryville College prepared me for so many parts of teaching, but the strongest takeaways I hold on to are these: lean on your network and mentors, and find a way to make teaching uniquely yours," she said. "My classroom is a place of joy, high expectations and productive struggle – it's a place where we hold each other accountable and recognize that together, we are capable of more than we know."

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