

Maryville College annually sends a team of students to participate in the **Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL)**, a forum for student leaders to exchange ideas, express their opinions and learn how government works. Its four programs are patterned after the essential elements of public service: legislative, AMC3 (the Appellate Moot Court Collegiate Challenge), lobbying and media.

MC Crime Talk is a student-led organization for students interested in law enforcement, pre-law, crime and justice. Pre-law events include guest speakers, LSAT workshops, courtroom observations, networking opportunities for internships, law school panels, law student panels and more.

LAW SCHOOL PLACEMENTS

Appalachian School of Law
Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis
Duke University School of Law
Emory University School of Law
Florida State University College of Law
Georgetown University Law Center
Mercer University Walter F. George Law School
New York University School of Law
Syracuse University Law School
University of District of Columbia
David A. Clarke School of Law
University of Tennessee College of Law
University of Washington School of Law
Wake Forest University School of Law

Why prepare for Law School at Maryville College?

Law is a vast and fascinating field of study that does not require a foundation in any specific discipline. You may choose to major in subjects that are considered to be traditional preparation for law school, such as Political Science, History, Criminal Justice, English, Philosophy, Economics or Business. You also may choose to major in other areas, such as Art, Music, Science and Mathematics, Computer Science, Nursing or Education. Law schools are more concerned with the quality of your educational experience, as well as the skills you have acquired along the way, than with your major. Maryville College teaches its students how to be good law school students and, ultimately, strong additions to the legal community. If you are willing to accept the challenge, the skills you learn at MC about communication and rhetoric, reading comprehension and critical analysis, logic, ethics and leadership ensure you will be successful in law school and beyond.

MEET A RECENT GRAD



Andy Cofer '21

Currently: Clerk in the Criminal Law Division at the Garza Law Firm in Knoxville, Tenn.

Andy said MC's Political Science major and liberal arts curriculum prepared him very well for law school. He earned his J.D. in 2024 from the Duncan School of Law at Lincoln Memorial University and passed the bar exam on his first attempt with a score high enough to allow him to practice law in any state that has adopted the Universal Bar Exam (UBE).

"The liberal arts place a large emphasis on reading and writing skills, and those skills are used every day in the practice of law," he said. "The liberal arts also teach you how to think critically and make informed decisions for yourself."

Andy also credits the small class sizes, access to professors, and academic rigor – such as the Senior Study requirement – for putting him "a step above" others in his law school classes.

During the summer of 2023, Andy was selected to intern with the Tennessee District Attorney's General Conference and obtained a limited license to practice law, which allowed him to conduct preliminary hearings, argue motions, draft documents, and negotiate plea agreements under the supervision of another attorney. In 2024, he received the Oliver Otis Howard Pro Bono Award from LMU for completing over 100 hours of pro bono work.

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