

# Pre-Seminary

DIVISION OF  
HUMANITIES

## SUGGESTED DEGREES:

- B.A. in Religion
- B.A. in Philosophy
- B.A. in History
- B.A. in English
- B.A. in Sociology
- B.A. in Political Science
- B.A. in Economics

## EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS

- New Providence Presbyterian Church, Maryville
- Independent Presbyterian Church, Birmingham
- Lilly Endowment Inc.



The foundation supports Maryville Adventures in Studying Theology (MAST), a program that aims to cultivate youth leaders for the church

and world by helping them discover and embrace the traditions of Christian faith, put their faith into practice, and explore important questions of our time.

## GRADUATE SCHOOL/SEMINARY PLACEMENTS

- Asbury Theological Seminary
- Boston College School of Theology and Ministry
- Candler School of Theology at Emory University
- Columbia Theological Seminary
- Duke University Divinity School
- Memphis Theological Seminary
- Princeton Theological Seminary
- Sewanee School of Theology
- Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Union Theological Seminary
- University of Chicago Divinity School
- University of Dubuque Theological Seminary

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Several fellowships and scholarships are available to students who are interested in pursuing ministry, church leadership and volunteer service.

Visit [maryvillecollege.edu/finaid](http://maryvillecollege.edu/finaid) for details.

## Why study for Seminary at Maryville College?

Students from a wide variety of majors can and do attend seminary. What is most important is developing the ability to read texts carefully and analytically, think critically about concrete and abstract problems in relation to historical and social contexts, and communicate effectively both orally and in writing. You will begin to develop these skills and knowledge through Maryville College's required core courses and further develop these forms of literacy in a number of different fields. Students interested in exploring ministry are also able to participate in worship and service activities coordinated by the Center for Campus Ministry and the Campus Minister's office, to pursue the certificate program in ministry and church leadership, and to apply for ministry internship opportunities.

## MEET A RECENT GRAD



## Zach Plants '20

Currently: Hospital Chaplain Resident at St. Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah

Zach did not originally choose the Pre-Seminary track but did declare a major in Religion because it would introduce him to psychology, sociology and other aspects of the humanities that interested him. After attending numerous conferences and completing 300+ hours of internships, Zach earned the Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP) credential.

He graduated with a master of divinity degree from Emory University's Candler School of Theology in May 2023 and moved to Salt Lake City to become a hospital chaplain. He

is working to become a board-certified chaplain (BCC) and ordained minister in the United Methodist Church.

"MC's reading-intensive and writing-heavy courses helped me flourish academically in seminary and get a job as the ministry coordinator at a new church plant in Atlanta's booming Westside. Seeking ordination and a career in hospital ministry would not be possible without all that I learned at Maryville College!"

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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