



Megan Vazquez, a student in Master of Arts in Liberal Arts (MALA), is also a staff member in University College so she naturally calls MTSU home (after also earning her undergraduate degree here in Spanish!) She shares: "Everyone is super supportive of you and your goals. The instructors genuinely care about your learning." If you're working full-time like Megan, know that many of our graduate programs are flexible for your schedule! MTSU College of Liberal Arts
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Why MTSU: I graduated with a degree in Spanish from MTSU in 2012. I also work at MTSU in University College. MTSU is home! It just made sense. After graduating with my undergraduate degree, I always wanted to continue my studies, but I never could decide on a program. As someone with various interests, a liberal arts lover at heart, the Master of Arts in Liberal Arts program was the perfect option! Students have the ability to cater their coursework around their interests and passions to either help them further their careers or education.

Most memorable class in your program: All of my classes are memorable for different reasons. However, of all my classes, I think MALA 6040: Topics in Society & People: Language and Society has been my favorite! Dr. Mohammed Albakry did a wonderful job introducing the class to sociolinguistics. My background consists of languages and sociology, so learning about sociolinguistics was right up my alley! The class was informative and really made me think about

language in a new way.

Career plan/ Plans after graduate school: I obviously love working here, so my hope is to continue working at MTSU. I hope to find a niche where my degree and skills will be most useful.

Advice to prospective students: Graduate school has been a great opportunity to further my education and make new friends. At first, I was intimidated by the thought of graduate school, but I am so happy I decided to enroll! If you are on the fence about enrolling, do not think, just do it! You will not regret it! This is a wonderful program! Everyone is super supportive of you and your goals. The instructors genuinely care about your learning. Dr. Janet McCormick, the director, is amazing! If you are looking for a program to help you advance in your career or simply looking to gain knowledge for personal growth, the Master of Arts in Liberal Arts program is a wonderful option! Take the first step – apply!

Favorite place on campus: Since my office is off-campus, I really enjoy being on campus in general. I love walking through TODD and seeing all the wonderful art. I love the library because it is quiet and houses a ton of knowledge. The BDA was my home in undergrad, so it will always hold a special place in my heart. Most of my MALA classes have taken place in the College of Education, so I would say that the COE has quickly become one of my favorite places too! There is an energy I feel when I am anywhere on campus and it makes me excited to be there!