MEET MARIA

Maria is a Paterno Fellow and Schreyer Scholar majoring in Linguistics and French and Francophone Studies.

Through France and the Holocaust in Film and Literature, an embedded course, Maria had the opportunity to travel to Paris during spring break. Embedded courses are short-term international experiences linked to semester-long classes with related course content.

Maria is a research assistant in the Penn State Center for Language Science, where she studies syntax and semantics of romance language.

At Penn State, Maria has been a Liberal Arts Ambassador, a student representative on the College of the Liberal Arts Alumni Society Board of Directors, and the outreach director for her THON organization, TETRA.

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