

Elizabeth Curtis, Spanish and Psychological Sciences, Class of 2021

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Elizabeth Curtis is a WKU alumni originally from Louisville, Kentucky who studied Spanish and Psychological Sciences for her undergraduate degrees. Now, she is a student in WKU’s Industrial Organizational Psychology graduate program. She is also employed as both a Teaching Assistant and a Research Assistant at WKU.

Her experiences in the Modern Languages Department during her undergraduate years, including both studying Spanish at WKU and studying abroad in Spain, introduced her to entirely new cultures and made her want to pursue cross-cultural psychology. In the future, she hopes to use her graduate degree to work with organizations in bilingual settings.

Her advice to students studying a language is to study abroad. She says it is the best way to improve your skills and learn more about that culture. She also advises students currently minoring in Spanish to consider changing their path to a major in Spanish. She says it only requires a few more classes, and you will gain so many more skills from them and will look more marketable in the future.

