

Sandra Gomez, B.A. Spanish, Class of 2021

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"I really enjoyed all my Spanish classes, even when it got really hard. Now I have all this knowledge and use Spanish on a daily basis."

Sandra Gomez is a WKU Alumni who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish in 2021. She has since moved to Fountain Valley, California, where she works as a Teacher Assistant at LePort Montessori School incorporating dual language immersion. She assists with daily duties in the classroom, and she exclusively speaks Spanish throughout the school day in both classroom lessons and small group and individual sessions.

When applying to this position, her job required that she was able to read, write, and speak Spanish fluently. She says she felt very prepared for this position from the skills she gained in her time in the WKU Modern Languages Department. She emphasizes the importance of class attendance and good grades, as she feels that she gained the most from regular class attendance and active participation. Additionally, she notes that many positions will look at applicants' grades, and this can disqualify them from jobs. In her current position, her employer wanted to see what grades she earned in her Spanish courses, specifically her Spanish composition course.

Sandra says that despite the challenges that came with studying a major, she truly enjoyed each of her Spanish courses. Because of her grit and determination to continue working towards proficiency in Spanish, she has gained incredible knowledge and is now able to use Spanish daily.

