

# Abigail Daly, Arabic and International Business, Class of 2024

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Abigail Daly is a student at Western Kentucky University, originally from Walton, KY. She is majoring in international business with the Gordon Ford College of Business and Arabic, which is the first and currently only Arabic major program in the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky. It consists of a variety of courses in language, civilization, literature, Arabic in international contexts, and media.

According to Daly, her future career goal is to “work for a large firm on an international scale.” Pairing a field such as international business and language can be a wise option for all students because of the increased opportunities provided, which Daly feels is the main reason she is majoring in Arabic at WKU. She explains that “It will open doors to more opportunities since language skills are in high demand in the private and public sectors.” By pairing Arabic with her international business major, she will add another asset to her curriculum vitae that will allow her to more clearly communicate with colleagues and clients who speak Arabic as a first language.

Daly sees language as an important skill to obtain in terms of boosting communicative skills, understanding culture, and making sense of the world around us, and she encourages students interested in learning a language to pursue a language degree at university. “Do it! The worst thing that happens is you drop the major and the best thing that happens is that you find a whole new world to explore and culture to understand from an uncolonized lens.”

