

Walker Bell, Chinese Flagship, International Affairs, Class of 2025

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Walker Bell is a WKU sophomore majoring in Chinese and International Affairs. He is a current student in the Chinese Flagship Program. Through studying languages, Walker hopes to “both gain a high level of proficiency and simultaneously garner an understanding of the cultures surrounding it.”

He is planning to attend law school after graduating in 2024 and work at the State Department as an international law advisor. “The journey of learning Chinese will facilitate my growth as a student, professional, and individual by challenging me to go beyond what is necessary,” he says. “In a career setting, these skills will allow me to recognize challenging situations and persist.”

Along with studying Chinese, Walker is heavily involved in campus organizations, such as HonorsToppers with the Mahurin Honors College; the Honors Social Planning Board; and the Fundraising Committee of Dance Big Red, a prominent yearly fundraiser for Norton Children’s Hospital in Bowling Green. He also participates in WKU’s Chinese Culture Club.

Walker also attended the Chinese Flagship Institute at Indiana University during the summer of 2022. The intensive program wasn’t easy, but he emerged with high scores and greatly improved Chinese proficiency. He urges fellow students to “persist in the language journey. Do not let mishaps or the challenge lead to quitting; it is all a part of the learning process.”

