

Hedy Morales Sanchez, Spanish, Class of 2026

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Hedy Morales Sanchez is a student in the WKU Spanish Program, which offers a variety of courses on Spanish language, literature, civilization, linguistics, and film with a variety of degree options. Originally from Dickson, Tennessee, Hedy is studying to become a Spanish teacher at the middle school level but also looks forward to pursuing graduate school and someday becoming a Spanish professor at the college level.

As a native speaker of Spanish, Hedy says that being bilingual is truly an amazing, yet perplexing gift. Studying and learning the Spanish language can be a complex process, according to Hedy, and all details require focus. Hedy says that the writing process for her is the most difficult aspect of Spanish and English but explains that the more knowledge and effort she has in this area, the more experience she will be able to share when teaching her students. She looks forward to getting to share this knowledge with students.

Hedy shared with WKU Modern Languages the reason she believes students should consider becoming a language major. She says, “Language is something that metaphorically glues people together. It is vital for this country to be able to celebrate, communicate, and expand its cultures. Being a part of this special interchanging of languages makes it all worth it. There will be some days where you will be challenged and struggle with the language you are learning, but there are also days where you will see all of your hard work finally pay off. You will come out with a greater understanding of how language has impacted the world, and how you can make a change in your piece of the world. It is truly a skill and talent to be able to learn and speak a new language, or even continuing to learn your own native language. There will come a day where you will look back and reflect on how language gave you the opportunities and gifts you have received.”

