

To whom it might concern:

My name is Maria Jose. I am writing this letter to introduce myself and expand on my resume.

I am from Seville, Spain. At the age of 14, I decided to study in Ireland for a year. I was already passionate for English and I felt that the only way to really learn it was by living abroad. This experience opened my eyes and had a major impact in the events that were yet to come.

I studied Finance and Accounting with Legal Studies at the University of Pablo de Olavide. Still, my interest for languages kept growing and I decided to study abroad in Germany for a year. I loved the language so much that I had to go back another year to perfect my skills and my understanding of the German language and culture. I was lucky enough to be able to travel around Europe, which helped me understand the importance of being able to relate to other cultures.

After Ireland and Germany, I was fortunate enough to find an opportunity in the United States (which had been my dream since I was twelve). I have been living in Rhode Island for a year. I have been working in a marketing company for almost a year. This experience has really made me step out of my comfort zone and go to the extra mile. It was a fully independent and challenging job. Afterwards, I was given the chance to work in the field related to my studies at Ameriprise Financial. Working at Ameriprise has been an amazing opportunity. This job has taken my studies and put them into practice.

Today, I find myself prepared to do what I really enjoy doing. I have a huge interest for anything related to holistic health and wellness. Practicing yoga has inspired me to put into practice this interest that has been within me for a long time. I really enjoy interacting with people and being able to help them with my languages and organizational skills.

Hello, I'm Maria Jose, a multilingual translator, Spanish interpreter and teacher-at-heart who helps people communicate across their native tongues, but guides them to speak the language of what it means to be human. Originally from Seville, Spain, I've been privileged to experience degrees of belonging and being an outsider. I've been the trusted local to foreign guests in my native Spain; I've been a three-time study-abroad student in Ireland and Germany; I am now a Spanish expatriate making a home in the United States of America.

From being the first friendly face that traveling students see when they step off a plane to being a visiting student in two foreign nations and now as an expat creating a new life in her new nation, I've learned that speaking a language is more than translating words.

Every language has its own ways of expressing itself. The culture and social connotations of every language manifests itself uniquely. A translating interpreter must be well versed, beyond all else, in empathy and relatability: the subtle skills of the soul that are hard taught, but vital for understanding degrees of sentiment, emotion and intention beyond the actual words people use.

I grew up in Seville with an early expectation to study law and finance: skills of self-empowerment and independence that help citizens navigate their respective systems of governance. While I would go on to earn my degree in those fields, by 14, I had elected to study abroad in Ireland. Passionate for the English language, I felt called to immerse myself in the culture and lifestyle if I ever wanted to truly understand the language.

I fell in love with the experience, and studied abroad twice more in my university years. These times, in Würzburg and Bayreuth, Germany, I experienced German culture and lifestyle as I spoke and practiced the language. When I moved to the United States in 2015, I found myself in a new role: expatriate. Now, more than ever, I feel intent to help introduce visitors, guests and fellow expats to the language of life here - and what it means to live well - in the United States.

I hold a Dual Degree in Law and Finance and Accounting from Universidad Pablo de Olavide in Seville, Spain. Since 2015, I've taken up working roles as an office manager and marketing specialist who has helped teams organize events, create marketing solutions, provide financial services and engage in community outreach programs.

Outside of work, I'm a self-taught learner of psychology and the human condition. I have a passion for holistic wellbeing, and have been a student of yoga and meditation for years. My travels have taken me to 15 countries. I love hiking, theatre, and used to dance flamenco and hip hop.

As an interpreter, translator and teacher, I'm seeking to cultivate new working experiences where humans are empowered to meet their true selves - and live in freedom, no matter their place of origin. To learn more about what I can bring your organization or workplace, please contact me by phone, [REDACTED], or by email at [REDACTED].

Hey, friend! Here's a side-by-side sample of how a cover letter (or one-page story narrative) can evolve into a really poignant, meaningful narrative that is a blend of personal appeal and professional aspiration. What could a new story do for you?
- Dave Ursillo