

Reflective Narrative for Major Learning outcome 2

Courses taken to fulfill this MLO: SPAN 301
SPAN 315
SPAN 313
SPAN 345

The courses listed above helped me full MLO 2. By taking these courses I was able to develop my knowledge in the fields of Hispanic and applied linguistics. I was able to apply the learned concepts to the research papers pertaining to current issues in these areas. All these courses helped me to develop my linguistics knowledge, SPAN 301 helped my to improve my writing skills and to learn about the roots of the spanish words. This class taught me the rules of the grammatical structure in Spanish. SPAN 315 helped me to learn about the hispanic linguistics variations through translation. In this class I performed translations from english to Spanish and vice versa, this activities helped me to gain knowledge about the linguistic variations that exists today in Latin America. SPAN 313 is the class that helped me the most to develop the linguistic knowledge required by this MLO. In this course I learned about morphology, phonology, syntax and semantics. This course gave me the foundation of the linguistics knowledge that I gained completing my major. This MLO helped me to gain knowledge about linguistics, prior to these courses I only learned about Hispanic literature and culture. I developed linguistic knowledge in Spanish and I wish to keep developing these knowledge even more. In the future I would like to learn about sociolinguistics. In the course span 345 I was introduced into neurolinguistics and now I want to move on to sociolinguistics.

The areas of this MLO that I found challenging are the research papers pertaining to current issues in these areas because linguistics is not an easy subject. The sources for research are written most of the times in English, that makes it difficult for students to perform an outstanding report of their research because some key information could be lost through translation. But this challenge is what makes the students to be more active and practice both languages to be proficient in the target language.

This MLO contributed to my personal intellectual growth because in order to fulfill its learning outcomes I had to develop my linguistics knowledge in the target language of my major. Exploring and learning the linguistics field contributed to my personal growth because getting a major in Spanish not only means speak the language, but to know the rules and its history. Gaining linguistic knowledge prepared me for the professional career that I want to perform in the future. I participated in Study Abroad and this experience affected my understanding of this MLO. This experience made me realize the importance of learning about the linguistic variations that Spanish has. I studied in Spain, they speak totally different than how people in California speak Spanish. It is important to know that there are many linguistic variations within Spanish and they should be respected.