

Reflective Narrative for Major Learning outcome 3

Courses taken to fulfill this MLO: SPAN 304

SPAN 321

SPAN 306

SPAN 426

The process of meeting the outcomes of MLO 3 was supported by these courses that I completed because all of them provided literary and cultural knowledge. First I completed SPAN 304, in this course I learned about Hispanic literature. During this course I read a variety of literary work written by Latino authors. I learned about the literary influences that inspired them. In this course I learned to analyze literature and poems. Furthermore I learned about the Hispanic culture since it is tied into literature. SPAN 321 provided me with knowledge about Spaniard literature. In the process of meeting the outcomes for MLO 3 I developed knowledge about literature from Latin America and Spain. This is very important and useful because the target language of my major is spoken in many countries and learning about their literature guided me to learn about their culture. SPAN 306 helped me to develop my knowledge about Latin America and its history of independence. In this course I learned about latin american history prior to the arrival of Cristobal Colón (Columbus). In the course SPAN 426 I developed my knowledge about latin american literature. I was able to develop my analyzing skills for literature. The field that I want to develop more is about the Spaniard culture and literature. I had the fortune to study abroad in Sevilla, there I took a course to learn about the Spaniard history

through literature. I was passionate to learn about this culture and I wish to keep learning about it.

The areas of this MLO that I found challenging was to analyze the cultural product of literature. I learned that it is crucial to learn about the historic context of the author in order to understand the story. To overcome this challenge I trained myself to learn about the author first and then read his/her literary work. It is complex to analyze literature, but I was able to overcome this challenge by learning the literary devices.

This MLO contributed to my personal intellectual growth because I learned to develop a reasonable understanding of the ways of thinking of the Hispanic societies. Their beliefs, ideas, traditions, history and literature. This MLO made me an open minded person that instead of judging people does everything to understand them based on their culture. I participated in study abroad and this experience did change my understanding of this MLO. Through this experience I learned the huge importance that culture and literature represents for each country. Having the opportunity to gain literary and cultural knowledge from Latin America and from Spain opened my mind to their culture and their values.

