

## **Reflective Narrative for Major Learning outcome 6**

Courses taken to fulfill this MLO: SPAN 300

WLC 300

WLC 400

The process of meeting the outcomes of MLO 6 was supported by the courses listed above. SPAN 300: Pre-capstone is a course that helped me to gain knowledge about research and the uses of technology. The professor introduced the book *The Craft of Research*. This book helped me to know how to find reliable information, use the research of others, to evaluate and report the findings. During this course the librarian designated for our major visited the class and gave us information about how to conduct research, what technological tools are available and provided websites that are useful for citations. The course WLC 300 also helped me to develop my technological and research skills. In this course the professors introduced the requirement of making an e-portafolio. They taught us how to use the website in order for us to create the e-portafolio. Learning about this website helped me to develop my technological skills, I never thought that I would be able to create a website. In this course the librarian also provided a workshop where I learned about primary and secondary sources, where to find reliable sources and much more. The course WLC 400 also expanded my technological and research skills. The professors provided another workshop with the librarian, this helps me to know how to conduct an appropriate use of technology relative to my field of study. This course helped me to learn about research methodologies and apply them in my studies. This course gave me the

opportunity to analyze current and emerging technology based resources to develop my scholarly work.

I wish to continue with the development of my technological research skills. Technology changes frequently and it is very important to be updated with the newest information and tools. The area of this MLO that I found challenging is to incorporate the technological and research skills to our field of study. I am not so good at technology, I find it difficult to follow the new trends and learn how to use the new methodologies. For someone that is not so good at technology it is more difficult to do such things if the technological knowledge is low. However I have learned to overcome this challenge. I learned that it requires practice and learning from others who are experts in this field. Receiving help is the most useful thing to gain knowledge and become a future expert.

This MLO contributed to my personal intellectual growth because by completing the learning outcomes I was able to develop my technological and research skills through several courses that I completed at CSUMB. The courses helped me to know the new methodologies that I can use for my research and other scholarly work. It was useful to learn from the librarian, an expert in the field and it helped me to apply it to my field of study because she knows the subject. The workshops and presentations she provided helped me to learn about the resources that are available. I participated in study abroad and it affected my understanding of this MLO, this experience confirmed the importance of technological tools and knowledge in the academic field. Students and professors need to be informed about the new technological discoveries.