

The reason why I chose a Spanish major is because I wanted to do a career in which I have background skills and something that I like/are passionate about as well. I am fluent in Spanish since I grew up speaking the language because it is my mother tongue (first language). Another reason is that I find it really easy to communicate in Spanish as well as to write and express my ideas. I really enjoy my language, not only do I enjoy taking Spanish grammar classes but I also practice Spanish 80% throughout my day in my community. I see my major in Spanish not as a career to get paid monthly, but as a degree with a mission to teach people correct Spanish. Spanish is not just a language to me, it is also a beautiful culture and a way of living for Hispanics.

I already consider myself fluent in Spanish, but I expect to acquire a deeper knowledge on the language and linguistics field as well as reading and writing skills. While I am studying in this program, I expect to get rid of all the bad language habits, such as slang or street talk. I would really like to focus on my writing skills and vocabulary skill; I would like to be able to write a paper without having to use a dictionary or a thesaurus. Because my emphasis is in Literature and Culture, I expect to acquire higher reading and writing skills. I would like to be able to read a book and be able to fully understand it and write a summary about it.

With the WLC major, I plan to be a Spanish teacher, in High School to begin with, and then I plan to teach at college level. After I graduate from CSUMB I plan to get my teaching credentials right away, hopefully get hired for a teacher position. Then while I am working as a high school teacher I plan to start working on my master's degree. As soon as I get my Master's Degree, I plan to get a Doctors Degree. I believe that sometimes you have to try big goals in order to achieve them otherwise we will never know what we are capable of.