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WLC 400

MLO 2

Major Learning Outcome two is language and linguistic knowledge. As a culture and literature emphasis I have only taken two courses for the language and linguistic major learning outcome. I took both SPAN 395IP speaking and writing skills 2 and notions of Spanish grammar at the Centro Lenguas Modernas of the University of Granada in Granada, Spain.

Speaking and writing skills 2 I took in the spring of 2012 at the University of Granada. This course was taught to students who tested at a level seven or above (out of ten) and was structured around refining our speaking and writing skills. We gave formal oral presentations on various topics including the price of food and drinks at cafes, a description of interviews and research we conducted on famous people in Granada and news stories. We also wrote up formal reports on the famous *granadinos*, news stories we presented or others presented and created powerpoints about the cafes. From these practices I learned a lot about the history of Granada, and speaking at a more professional level. I also had ample time to practice conversational speaking and pronunciation.

In the fall of 2011, I took notions of Spanish grammar at the University of Granada. This was an intensive advanced grammar course as it not only taught and assessed us on advanced grammatical concepts but also reviewed all past grammatical rules. While difficult, I appreciated this course because grammar is not my strong point when it comes to Spanish.