

I study Spanish because I love the language, the culture, and how languages connect people to each other. Originally, I was a nursing major with a minor in Spanish, but as I took my Spanish classes I discovered my passion for the language and its literature. I cultivated this passion by participating in my classes, as well as regularly attending office hours to discuss relevant readings outside of the course materials.

After I graduate, I plan to pursue my masters and doctorate degrees while researching the relationship between pronouns and gender identities. Eventually, I would like to work as a professor in a university to instill the same appreciation of languages and cultural diversity in my students as was taught to me by the incredible professors I have had. These professors have challenged me academically and encouraged me to explore my interests; I would not be the student I am today if it were not for the professional role models I have had. This is my opportunity to repay the community for the positive experiences I had, by aiding the students of the next generation in finding their passions as I have found mine.

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