

Reflection

Being in Spanish 102 helped me further progress in understanding the language as a whole. There were lots of new things I learned this semester that were generally harder than the information I learned in my first Spanish class but I understood why they were there and what they were meant for as well as how to use them. I was a challenge getting through some of the similar words and techniques used in Spanish that could get confusing if not thoroughly thought about but I pushed through it, making sure I asked questions to better my understanding and further my knowledge.

In the beginning, we started with going over some of the information that was introduction is Spanish 101 in which we would need to have basic knowledge about to move on to the information presented in the Spanish 102 class. At first, we learned about various activities and the difference between similar verbs and how and when to use each of them. We continued on into some more complex information, for example, learning vocabulary related to shopping, eating, and what we do on our daily routine. One of the most complicated things for me was the conjugations. I believe I struggled on that the most. The main objective that I still need to work on is my ability to understand Spanish coming from someone else, rather than just speaking, especially if it's a fast Spanish speaker.

Writing the compositions helped me gain a better understanding on how and when to conjugate certain verbs and how to correct form a sentence in Spanish with a higher level of vocabulary. When writing in this class, I was able to understand and write many sentences without having to look up vocabulary so that my sentences make sense. I still made, sometimes small, mistakes in my sentences and had to fix it, mainly grammatically but I learned from those mistakes. It is a struggle when using indirect and direct pronouns and reflexive verbs when writing but I believe, after taking a look to understand each, I could get better with some practice. Writing is a good skill when it comes to Spanish since it helps you, not only speak it but, understand it in your mind.

Our readings were a bit more difficult because of the higher vocabulary that was used. Most of the time I would need to look up words that I didn't know to understand what a sentence was talking about but it helped. I could understand some vocab and use context clues to figure out the rest which worked most of the time. The reading lectures that we did were a great use of making sure we, not only understood the topic in the chapter but, understood how to use the information that we learned. Reading also helps me get better at translating what a sentence means in my head from Spanish to English and in what format the sentence is laid out as.

I would say I enjoyed Spanish 102 more than I did Spanish 101. In this class, we explore more topics that I could apply to my daily activities and use in the world outside of the class. It gave me more basic knowledge of understanding and had more topics that I could relate to myself rather than just speaking on something random. It also helped in broadening the vocabulary that I know so that I could understand more than what I did in Spanish 101. I enjoyed the topics of shopping and food and will be able to use it sometime in my life if I ever wanted to visit a Spanish speaking country to buy anything or to eat. The other topics talking about activities and

daily routines were also helpful for possibly having to communicate in Spanish sometimes during my life at random. The culture is great and the language is difficult but fun to learn.