## **DB 4: La Universidad**



In Spanish-speaking countries, the education system is different from the system here in the States. It is important that you know how the higher education system is different around the world. Read how the Universities work in Spain  $\Rightarrow$  and what options you have to study abroad in a country like Spain.

## **Discussion Question**

Please read your classmates' entries and comment on at least one of them. This is a great opportunity to create a community and form learning partnerships with each other.

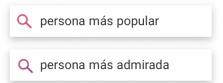
**Exploración 5-4 Búsqueda en internet.** Now it's your turn to explore popular and admired people in the Spanish-speaking world. Follow the steps to complete this activity.

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**Paso 1.** Select a country or region you would like to explore. Using the location and language services strategies, along with other strategies you've learned, find the following information about that country or region.

- Who is popular, admired, or seen as a role model?
- What personality traits are mentioned or associated with this person?
- What does he or she do for a living? Is his or her profession related to his or her popularity?



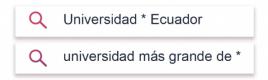
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In Spain, artists, actors, sports stars, and celebrities, including Lionel Messi are admired and seen as role models. Personality traits that are mentioned in association with Messi are hardworking, determined, successful, and is known for being a role model to athletes and everyone as well. He plays soccer (football) for a living and his career (successful career) is associated and related to his popularity. However, Messi's backstory is also a reason why his success is known and celebrated.

**Exploración 4-4 Búsqueda en internet.** Now it's your turn to explore universities in the Spanish-speaking world. Follow the steps to complete this activity.

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**Paso 1.** Decide which language you will use to conduct your search and find websites for universities in Latin America or Spain that you can use to compare to your own university's website. Consider using a wildcard as a substitute for specific university names in search phrases or where you want to leave a placeholder in the phrase. **¡OJO!** Pay attention to the spelling of Spanish words.



**Paso 2.** Use the wildcard search strategies, along with other strategies you've learned, to find the following information about the chosen location:

- How do the websites for universities in Latin America or Spain that you find compare to your own university's website?
- What are some of the common elements you find when comparing these websites?
- What are some of the differences you find when comparing these websites?

**Paso 3.** Write a summary of what you learned in your investigation. Be prepared to share your findings with your class.

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The websites for universities in Spain and the ODU website are similar. They all have links to information about their programs and their research. There is a lot of information that is about the degrees and courses offered. Honestly there are numerous commonalities between the two types of universities. The Spanish universities have sections on language and the international studies more frequently than at ODU. The Spanish universities also have a section on college life/ student life at