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Español es un buen idea para clases, vida

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Spanish is a great language to learn. I find that anywhere you go, you will hear others engaged in the language, and it is such a great feeling to comprehend what they are saying. I cannot stress enough how it is so important for us to be immersed and to learn the language that will benefit all of us today, tomorrow and generations to come.

It does not matter what degree you are trying to achieve, making Spanish as your minor will be the greatest decision of your life because this is the minor/major that you will actually use firsthand. As for me, I enjoy speaking Spanish so much because I feel like I achieved something that could not be possible.

Being fluent in English and Spanish is fun because I can switch from one language to another without a problem; not only that, I do enjoy speaking Spanglish, "but I do not recommend it." I will have to admit, learning another language is arduous, but you will reap the rewards when you become fluent. All the hours spent learning Spanish might become tiring, but if you think about it in the long run, it will help you in the future and prepare you to meet clients that will have little knowledge of the English language. Speaking Spanish does not have to be a difficult process at all. The reason why I say this is because students who learn Spanish, or any other language for that matter, over think and analyze on how they try to not make mistakes or else they will be too scared and too incompetent to attempt to say basic phrases.

As a Spanish major, I recommend Spanish to everyone, but I mostly want to reach out to the health professions such as nursing majors. Spanish is so vital and necessary in the field of nursing. Any clinicals you have will have many Spanish speakers who will not be able to tell their nurse or doctor that their children might need medication. I want to remind those who are taking Spanish right now, or thinking about taking this language, to know that Spanish courses should not only be taken to satisfy GenEd, but to actually show effort in speaking and knowing it. The best way to become fluent is to speak with others and practice! Speak with other classmates despite how much they do not want to speak outside of class.

The foreign language department in Peck Hall offers conversational hours in Spanish and you will be speaking with advanced students of Spanish as well as with native speakers. Many people have told me that it is too late to actually learn Spanish, but it is never too late at all. Learning Spanish is an ever-continuing process that can be accomplished without a doubt, but the only thing is, you cannot give up easily. Just remember, Spanish is an investment that will make you profitable in today's society, but not only that, it is also a lifetime knowledge and skill that will forever change your life. (Que le vaya bien!)

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