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Personal Statement

I chose Spanish as a major because I feel that it is something that identifies me as a person since I was little. It has always been with me and I believe it is a weapon that I can use in my favor, since in these times being bilingual can lead to increased job opportunities. As there are various countries that speak the language, there is so much to learn about them. In addition, I believe that Spanish is a language that can not only help Spanish-speakers, but also Anglo-Saxon English speakers. My goal in this major is to become a teacher in high school or a professor in college and to help the community to get more involved in our culture and language, and to help my students feel safe to speak it.

Finally, studying Spanish has provided me with the opportunity to learn a lot about history that I had never learned before. In this way, I feel like this major has allowed me to stand out, that it has helped me to become a better person because of this newfound knowledge. From my perspective, learning about Spanish has taught me more about life in the USA, in Mexico, and in other countries. I chose this academic path for my parents, for my ancestors, and for my future descendants, all of whom can help improve the life of the Mexicans or Hispanic people thanks to the knowledge I have gained during my undergraduate studies in Spanish.