

Spanish Language Topics Course Curriculum Proposal

Sight Translation

The “oral rendition of text written in one language into another language” (Nat’l Council). An example of sight translation in regards to construction would be the translation of a scope of work from English into Spanish.

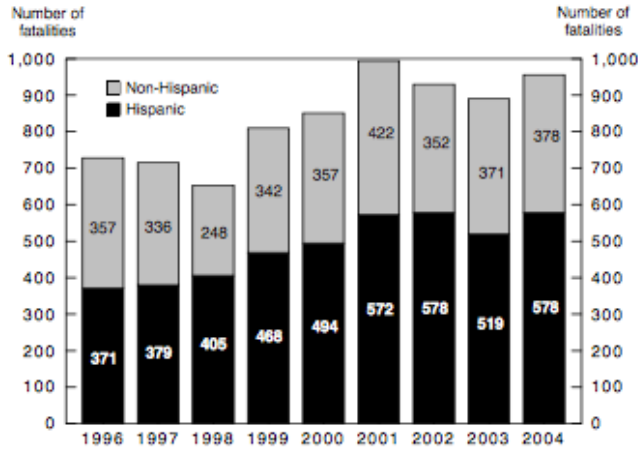
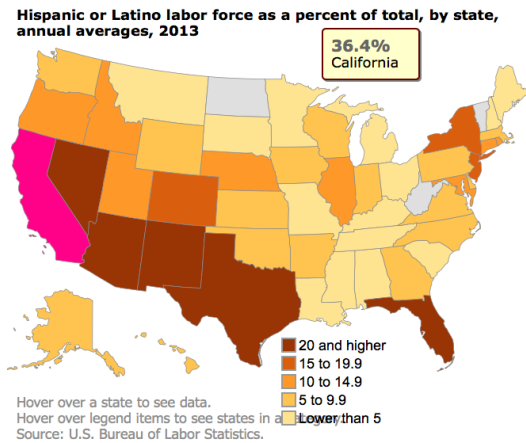
Classroom Types

Foreign language classroom is made up of a body of students that are culturally homogeneous, and who are seeking to learn a second language.

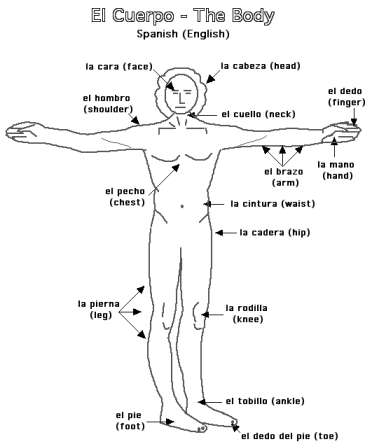
Second language classroom is made up of students, from different backgrounds and cultures, who are trying to learn a new language that is the dominant one (R. Michael Paige).

The objective of this report is to initiate the development of an introductory Spanish topics course within the construction management curriculum at Cal Poly. With each construction management student at Cal Poly that graduates, the industry is gifted another future industry expert. However, in order to be truly successful in construction, one must be excellent at communicating with, and coordinating team’s activities. There is no question that workers in the construction industry are subject to life threatening hazards on a regular basis. In order to mitigate the potential harm of these hazards, all steps must be taken in managing these risks. Faults in communication between coworkers not only can lead to inefficiencies, but workers can also end up injured. With a large number of laborers in America being of Latin descent, the Spanish-English-language-barrier is something of high importance, and should not go unrecognized. Upon completing the Spanish in Construction topics course, students will have the skills necessary to communicate with Spanish speaking workers in order to help diminish these safety hazards.

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Task Based Language Teaching

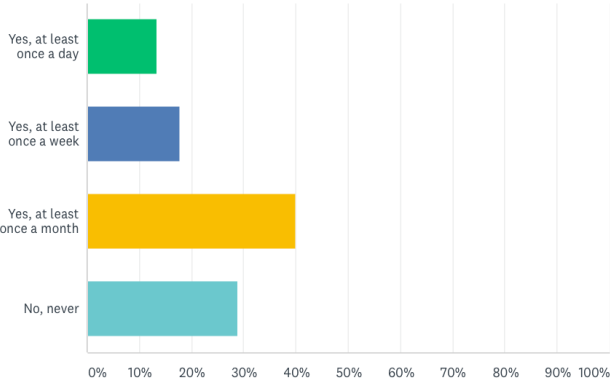


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Industry Survey

Do you ever experience issues with Spanish language barriers in the workplace?

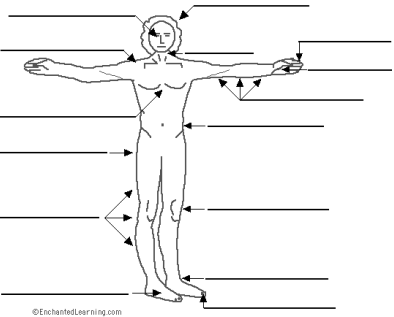
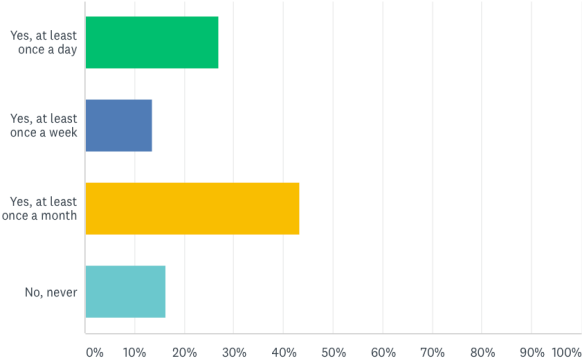
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Student Survey

Have you ever experienced or witnessed language barriers while at school or the workplace?

Answered: 37 Skipped: 0



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