Andres A. D. Labra

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As an adaptable and motivated educator, researcher and web developer/designer, I am committed to staying updated with emerging web technologies and industry trends to ensure optimal website performance and students/user experiences. I am an independent thinker and a passionate, curious creator; proactive, innovative, adaptable and receptive to feedback.

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Some facts about me:

- When I was 10, I already knew I wanted to pursue a career in English language.
- In the first place, I wanted to become a translator but then I discovered my passion for teaching.
- For my M.A. program, I got a perfect GPA.
- Besides being awarded with two full-ride scholarship once I graduated in 2017, I earned a Jesuit award for academic excellence.
- I exercised my teaching profession in three different universities, both in Argentina and in the U.S.
- I published two articles, one on Education and another one on Spanish Language variation in Mendoza.
- I am involved in a project that aims to facilitate listening comprehension and vocabulary acquisition using front end technologies.
- Besides teaching, I enjoy photography, web development and design.
- I excel at assessing objectives and learning materials.

Work Experience

UX/UI Designer | Freelance (Remote)

Skills: UX/UI Design – Figma – Prototyping

Web designer focused on Education-Technology App Development

Student Advisor | Cengage – Temecula CA (Remote)

Student Advising – IT/LMS troubleshooter.

- Assisted students taking online Advanced Career Training Programs
- Assisted students' tech issues with Ed2go platform or eBooks.
- Provided advice on how to excel in their online courses.
- Worked across departments (vendors and instructors) to facilitate student's support.

ESL Instructor | Ohla Schools - Miami, FL (On-site)

Skills: Adult learning / technology in the classroom

English Language Teaching and Lesson Planning. Administrative work and exam proofreading and editing.

- Planned lessons according to level of instruction, number of students and level of proficiency.
- Assessed students' performance by measuring learning outcomes.
- Provided proofreading, critique, and feedback to students.
- Published an article about linguistic variation in the Spanish of Mendoza, Argentina.

EFL Instructor - FCE Class Designer | York Institute - Mendoza, Argentina (Remote)

Skills: LMS / Lesson Planning

Cambridge Exams Instructor and Lesson Planning. First Certificate in English (FCE) Preparer. E-learning

- Created and designed a preparatory class, including schedules, programs and syllabus.
- Created and assessed appropriate materials.
- Created and managed the online platform to post materials and sequence them.
- Planned lessons according to level of instruction, number of students and level of proficiency.
- Assessed students' performance by measuring learning outcomes.
- Provided proofreading, critique, and feedback to students.

Graduate Assistant | Saint Louis University - St. Louis, MO (On-site / Remote)

Skills: CMS (WordPress/H5P) / LMS Design / IT assistance / Lesson Planning / Research

Spanish Language Tutor and Lesson Plan Designer. Administrative work and research projects. In charge of conversational classes and substitute Professor.

- Designed lesson plans for a podcast project on podcastproject.org.
- Published an article about L2 vocabulary acquisition and listening comprehension.
- Managed inventory database and provided technology troubleshooting.
- Lead Spanish Conversation Class.
- Provided proofreading, critique and feedback to students.

Teaching Assistant | Webster University - Webster Groves, MO (On-site)

Taught Spanish Language classes and designed a Writing Class in Spanish.

- Taught conversation classes and led intensive weekend language immersions.
- Designed class syllabus.
- Provided proofreading, critique and feedback to students.

AMICANA ~ Public Schools ~ Universidad Nacional de Cuyo - Mendoza, Argentina

- Led English language classes to students of all ages, at all levels.
- Presented a seminar for how to teach effectively in EFL classrooms.

- Taught in Elementary School and High School.

- Led a preparatory course for admittance to English language studies.

Education

Associate Degree in Web Development (Ongoing)

Entre Rios Nacional University | Entre Rios, Argentina | 2023-2025

This online, synchronous program covers the following areas:

- Computing Architecture
- Programming such us Python and Python OOP
- Introduction to Computer Science
- Graphic Design / UX UI Design
- Operating Systems
- Web Development
- Databases
- Software Engineering
- Etc.

Master of Arts in Spanish

Saint Louis University | St. Louis, Missouri | 2019-2021

Skills: quantitative and qualitative research

This M.A. program covered three big areas of learning: Latino American Literature, Peninsular Literature and Linguistics.

- Took a class on Methods
- Published two articles
- Participated in a symposium
- Started a project together with the Language Resource Center
- Was awarded with the Alpha Sigma Nu Award for academic excellence

Bachelor of Arts in Teaching English Language and Culture

Universidad Nacional de Cuyo | Mendoza, Argentina | 2012-2017

This B.A. program covered two big areas: Education (distributed in four years and a half) and English language classes (distributed in four years and a half)

- Methods of teaching EFL/ESL and Pedagogy
- Learning characteristics in kids, young adults and adults
- Lesson planning, Curriculum and Practicum
- English Literature, Linguistics, Grammar, Phonetics and Cultural Studies

Certificate in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

World TESOL Academy | Online | February 2021

Methods in teaching all areas of English Language according to age and origin

Certificate in Linguistics and Teaching Methods (Non-degree)

Webster University | Webster Groves, Missouri | 2018-2019

I was awarded with a full-ride scholarship to work and study at Webster University

- Took a class on Teaching Methods
- Took a class on Teaching Writing
- Took a class on English Linguistics
- Designed and conducted a one-credit undergraduate class on Spanish Language Writing, assessed and selected the teaching materials and created a program/syllabus

High School Diploma

Colegio Agustín Alvarez | Mendoza, Argentina | 2006-2010

Diploma earned with focused on Economy and Business Management

Vocational Training

Online (LinkedIn Learning)

2021 - Present

- HTML/CSS
- Instructional Design
- Adobe Photoshop Elements 2022
- Adobe After Effects 2022

- Camtasia

Awards

Teaching Assistantship - Webster University

Graduate Assistantship - Saint Louis University

Alpha Sigma Nu Award for Academic Excellence - Saint Louis University

Fellowship in English<->Spanish Translation - Tom Kiefer's exhibition in Saint Louis, Missouri

Research and Publication

Labra, A. A. (2021, February 22). The Podcast Project: Building Listening Skills and Vocabulary through Authentic Media. Retrieved from https://fltmag.com/podcast-project/

Labra, A. A. (2021). Linguistic and social factors conditioning coda/s/variation in the Spanish of Mendoza, Argentina. Linguistics International Journal, 15(1), 138-150.

Factores lingüísticos que condicionan la variación –ra y –se del imperfecto del subjuntivo en el español de Argentina: Muestras del lenguaje oral del corpus CREA [Linguistic factors conditioning -ra and -se imperfect subjunctive variation in the Argentine Spanish: Oral tokens from corpus CREA] (Research finished, not published yet)

Projects and Areas of Interest

Lesson Plan Designer at Podcast Project

E-learning and teaching through technologies

UX/UI Design - Figma