A Case Study of the B-CU's Open Sources Project

Course MLS 131

Breaking Down the Barriers of Affordability & Accessibility:

Credit: Open Sources

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Purpose

- The future IS HERE!
- It is important to put into practice instructional open sources as an innovative way to integrate technology-enriched learning content in face-to-face, hybrid, and/or fully online classes.
- Students are provided with multiple resources for the learning experience.
- The World Wide Web is a great tool to enhance your teaching and transition from the textbook to the open sources materials adaptable to any of the instructional formats:
  - face-to-face
  - hybrid, and/or
  - fully online teaching.
Spanish I & II
- MLS 131 face-to-face
- MLS 132 fully online

The following explanation is an example of how you can design, develop, and add open sources to a foreign language course, using the Merlot Collection and other open sources.

The examples can be adapted to all the other classes in the Foreign Languages Department.
What to consider for the transition: Instructor

It is a process:

- Search the variety of open sources materials found in Merlot Collection and other teaching/learning websites
- adapt syllabi
- design and develop the courses
- share with faculty and get their ideas
- pilot courses (face-to-face & fully online)
Selection of the Open Sources

How to determine which open sources to choose?
- Cover the major areas of the course by topic.

What makes it good?
- Challenging
- Effective
- Interesting

What sources do you have to consider when selecting the material?
- Movies, short clips, songs
- Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, teleconferences, virtual meetings)
- Web links & internet resources for lectures, exercises, games, projects
Deployment

Any resource you get from the World Wide Web, magazines, videos, music, movies can be integrated into your:

- Face-to-face class
- Partly web based class
- Fully Online class
What to consider for the transition: Collaboration with the Students

Face-to-face (MLS 131 C)

- In my MLS 131 taught during summer subterm 2, I had a group of 11 students.
- They help me find open sources, games, videos, practice exercises, etc.
- Grade was incorporated for their collaboration in this project.
Students in the class take the notes while Ashlie presents and explains her topic using open sources (lecture, video & exercise):

- Topic: nouns and adjectives: position and agreement in gender and number.

- **Explicación**
- **Actividad interactiva:** [Los sustantivos y los adjetivos](#)
What to consider for the transition: Collaboration with the Students

Fully Online (MLS 132)

- In my MLS 132 taught during this fall term 2018, I have a group of 15 students.
- These students are testing all the open sources materials chosen and adapted by me & they are giving me feedback.
Instructor: Design and Deployment

MLS 132 - Fully online course

Short vocabulary & grammar tutorial videos (7 minutes max)
- Use visual cues to help students practice fill in the blanks
- Online activities
- More authentic material
- Larger varieties of speakers and accents

Video gramática
Actividades en el tiempo libre

YouTube channel: YouStudySpanish

Video vocabulario
El fin de semana

Me gusta tocar la guitarra
(I like playing the guitar)
youstudyspanish.blogspot.com
Ejercicio 2:
Print, read, and complete the following spaces using el verbo “gustar” and choose the right verb from the word bank. Do not forget to send it to me via eLearning.
Activities online with OER

Choose:
- lectures (video, PowerPoint, word doc)
- Exercises
- group projects
- Forums
- virtual office hours
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## Merlot Collection & Other OERs

### Unit 0: ¡Hola!
- Board for introductions:
  [https://padlet.com/](https://padlet.com/)
- Merlot: Spanglishchat:
- Merlot: G.L.O.S.S. Global Language Online Support System:
  [http://www.dliflc.edu/global-language-online-support-system-gloss/](http://www.dliflc.edu/global-language-online-support-system-gloss/)
- Youtube video:
  [https://www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

### Unit 1: ¡Bienvenidos a la clase!
- Merlot: Spanish plans:
  [https://spanishplans.org/](https://spanishplans.org/)
- Handouts from Pinterest:
  [https://www.pinterest.es/pin/79601302858337992/](https://www.pinterest.es/pin/79601302858337992/)
- Explanation and exercise:
- Youtube videos: Saludos y despedidas video:
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWaBQ-ZUm-c&t=11s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWaBQ-ZUm-c&t=11s)
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### Unit 2: En casa
- LinkedIn Learning: [https://www.slideshare.net/Malliecl/la-casa-71286445?qid=c80e9c3f-5c84-49c9-a12b-7f61987b4377&v=&b=&from_search=6](https://www.slideshare.net/Malliecl/la-casa-71286445?qid=c80e9c3f-5c84-49c9-a12b-7f61987b4377&v=&b=&from_search=6)

### Unit 3: Mi familia
- Youtube video: [https://www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)
Unit 4: El día a día
- Merlot: Spanish Proficiency Exercises:  
  http://www.laits.utexas.edu/spec/index.html
- Merlot: Spanish by countries:  
  http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/combined-lbc-topics/65
- Merlot: Mis cositas:  
  http://www.miscositas.com/cuentos.html

End of the Semester Individual Oral Final Project Presentation:
- Merlot: The Mixxer:  
  https://www.language-exchanges.org/
- Merlot: Spanish Language & Cultura by Barbara Kuczun Nelson:  
  http://personal.colby.edu/personal/bbknelson/SLC/
I will be using other websites like:

- **Socrative**: for surveys, short quizzes with instant results.
- **Quizlet**: for review and assessment.
- **Duolingo**: Games to review
- **ClassDojo**: communication with other learners.
- **Kahoot**: to review by competing, playing while learning.
- **Voki**: to create avatars and tell stories
- **Infographic**: for creative writing and to introduce units.
- **Google Hangouts**: For private and group communication.

AND MANY MORE...
Outcomes

- Face-to-face, hybrid, and/or fully online sections can take advantage of the open sources extensive material
- Master courses available as templates.
- Course management simplifies:
  - Students benefit because the teaching materials are free.
  - Course materials are available any time, any place.
  - There is not obstacle in the teaching and learning process.
- Open the idea to other courses to be designed and offered.
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