

# MARIO JOSE TORRES CAMPO

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## EXPERTISE

- Second language acquisition pedagogy and applied linguistics
- Spanish language teaching (elementary to intermediate levels)
- Critical reading comprehension and genre-based pedagogy
- Student engagement and mentoring in higher education
- Bilingualism, code-switching, and sociolinguistic research
- Online and hybrid teaching environments

## EDUCATION

### **Arizona State University – Tempe, AZ | 2025–Present**

- Ph.D. in Spanish Literature and Culture (in progress)
- Teaching Associate, Elementary Spanish II

### **Universidad del Atlántico – Barranquilla, Colombia | 2025**

- B.A. in Humanities and Spanish Language (Licenciatura en Humanidades y Lengua Castellana)
- GPA: 4.45
- Thesis: La infografía como enfoque multimodal para fomentar la comprensión crítica en estudiantes de undécimo grado
- Recognition: Meritorious Thesis Distinction

### **Universidad Simón Bolívar – Barranquilla, Colombia | 2018**

- Professional Technician in Port Operations and Logistics

### **Universidad de Chile – Santiago, Chile | 2021**

- Mandarin Studies, Instituto de Estudios Internacionales

**Institución Educativa Luis R. Caparroso – Soledad, Colombia | 2018**

- Technical High School Graduate

**Institución Educativa El Tesoro del Saber – Soledad, Colombia | 2013**

- Primary School Graduate

## **TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

**Teaching Associate, Elementary Spanish II – Arizona State University (Tempe, AZ) | 2025–Present**

- Teach undergraduate Spanish courses at the beginner level in hybrid and online formats.
- Implement Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) strategies and promote student interaction.
- Support curriculum development and grading responsibilities.

**Freelance Spanish Instructor | 2022–2023**

- Designed personalized lessons adapted to students' needs.
- Organized workshops on pronunciation and listening comprehension.
- Created interactive activities to foster motivation and language acquisition.

**Professional Teaching Internship II – Institución Educativa Luis R. Caparroso | Feb–Jul 2024**

- Designed and implemented lesson plans for high school students.
- Applied formative assessment tools to monitor student progress.
- Promoted critical reading comprehension through multimodal strategies.

**Professional Teaching Internship I – Institución Educativa Luis R. Caparroso | Aug–Dec 2023**

- Delivered lessons focused on Spanish grammar, literature, and writing.
- Adapted classroom activities to student needs and contexts.
- Assisted in grading and feedback.

**Educational Assistant Internship – Institución Educativa Luis R. Caparroso | Feb–Jul 2023**

- Supported classroom management and material preparation.
- Collaborated with lead teachers in lesson planning.
- Guided small groups of students in reading comprehension.

**Teaching Practicum Observer – Institución Educativa Luis R. Caparroso | Aug–Dec 2022**

- Observed classroom practices in Spanish and Humanities.

- Analyzed teaching methodologies and strategies.
- Prepared reports on lesson observations and student engagement.

#### **Social Media Manager Intern – Spice N' Nice | Aug 2021–Jul 2022**

- Managed digital platforms and promoted brand engagement.
- Developed online communication strategies.
- Analyzed audience interaction metrics.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Gaming Support Advisor – Center Source | 2024**

#### **Banking Services Consultant – Teleperformance | 2023–2024**

#### **Inbound Transport Representative – Soft-G-Net | 2022**

#### **Customer Service Representative – Atlantic International BPO | 2020–2021**

##### **Highlights:**

- Strong background in problem resolution, client communication, and adaptation to international contexts.
- Experience handling high-volume calls, logistics coordination, and fraud/dispute management.

### **HONORS, AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS**

- Meritorious Thesis Distinction – Universidad del Atlántico | 2025
- Academic Recognition for GPA 4.45 – Universidad del Atlántico | 2025
- Diploma in Teacher Training on Academic Reading and Writing through Genre Pedagogy – Universidad del Atlántico | 2025

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SERVICE**

- Participation in academic seminars on critical reading comprehension and genre pedagogy (2025).
- Active member in university-based research on code-switching and bilingualism.

- Volunteer Spanish teacher in community and church-based education programs.

## LANGUAGES

- Spanish – Native
- English – Superior
- Mandarin Chinese – Novice High
- Portuguese – Reading Knowledge (Novice Low)
- Colombian Sign Language (LSC) – Novice