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Education

M.A., Language Acquisition in Multilingual Settings

September 2024 - Present

University of the Basque Country, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain

- Thesis (in progress): *The impact of task modality and learner anxiety on the production of LREs in L3 French*
- Supervisor: Dr. María del Pilar García Mayo

B.A., Multilingual Communication

September 2020 - December 2024

TH Köln – University of Applied Sciences, Cologne, Germany

Semester Abroad

August - December 2022

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Scholarships and Awards

Study and Internship Program, UAS7 e.V., Tuition funding to the University of Pittsburgh, \$18,660

2022

PROMOS Scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), 2,650€

2022

Research Experience

Graduate Student

September 2024 - Present

University of the Basque Country, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain

- Conducting an independent empirical study for my M.A. thesis under the supervision of Dr. María del Pilar García Mayo, investigating the acquisition of French as a third language in Year 9 secondary school students in Germany.
- Designed the study, coordinated data collection with the participating school, collected the data, and am currently conducting data analysis.

Research Intern

June - August 2025

The Basque Center on Cognition, Brain, and Language, Donostia–San-Sebastián, Spain

- Interned with the *Educational Neurosciences and Developmental Disorders* group, assisting with an ongoing study investigating speech production markers in first graders (pre-reading instruction) linked to poor phonological processing and their potential to predict reading ability.
- Using *Praat*, I identified and extracted one of the speech markers under investigation.

Professional Experience

Upcoming Schuman Trainee

March - July 2026

European Parliament, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

- I am delighted to soon join the Speech Processing and Language Accessibility Unit of the Directorate-General for Translation at the European Parliament's Secretariat.

Journalist and Journalism Intern

August 2021 - August 2022

Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger, Cologne, Germany

- During a month-long internship and subsequently as a freelancer, I reported on local socio-cultural and political events through articles published in both print and online.

Volunteering

German Language Mentor

May 2025 - Present

A Little World gemeinnützige UG

- Facilitating weekly video calls with immigrants and refugees in Germany, providing opportunities to practice German with a native speaker, build confidence, and receive informal support with everyday language challenges.

Reading Buddy

January - October 2024

Stiftung LeseAllianz Leseförderung & Bildung gemeinnützige UG

- Led weekly engaging and interactive virtual reading sessions, focusing on enhancing elementary schoolers' reading fluency and making reading a joyful experience.

Teaching Assistant

October 2023 - June 2024

European Solidarity Corps, Blois, France

- Developed and implemented engaging English, German, and French as Foreign Language lessons; provided one-on-one tutoring and group instruction for classes of up to 20 pupils.

Languages

- German: Native fluency
- English: Near native fluency
- French: Near native fluency
- Spanish: Intermediate