

# My Project GO Story

One of my favorite things about learning a new language is the culture that you get to learn along with it. Today in class we listened to a song called 'मैं तो रास्ते से जा रहा था', which translates to "I was just walking along". The two singers talk about things they're doing in their everyday life, and then end a stanza with "a car shoved you, what should I do?". In English this is similar to saying, "a car hit you, what do you want me to do about it?" Imagine someone singing about that in America!



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## Memorable Moments

**Funniest:** I thought it was funny when one of my instructors was speaking and said the word "on." He scrunched up his face and followed up with a disgusted "Ugh, I'm starting to pronounce my vowels like an American."

**Most challenging:** The last week of class was very challenging to me because I devoted about 12 hours a day to studying Hindi. Between quizzes, OPI testing, and getting ready to move out, I felt like I had no time to spare.

**Favorite:** I really enjoyed making class skits and acting them out for the entire SASLI Program. It was empowering to see how much language everyone was able to learn!

## The Madison Experience

**A "must see/do:"** Walk up and down State Street and watch stand up during comedy week!

## New Perspective

**I was surprised to learn...** the Indian culture doesn't appear to be very encouraging.

**Something I found interesting was...** people in India seem less polite than people in America. For example, I went to an Indian restaurant sometime toward the end of my time in SASLI, and noticed that the service is much more rushed. In America, I feel like servers give people time to chit-chat too much. Ironically, I prefer the Indian restaurant's vibe.

**Advice to students considering this program:** Study religiously EVERY night after class. It's super easy to get behind in an intensive language program.

**How this experience will help in my future career:** My dream job in the military is to be an emergency flight doctor/surgeon. I don't know if Hindi will help me directly, but I do feel more confident after studying a South Asian language and its culture.