

## Digital Artifact Spring 2023, GRMN 2101 (Professor Ward)

“These discussions had a big influence on me because they gave me a fresh viewpoint and taught me how crucial cross-cultural dialogue is. We had important chats about life lessons, our favorite books, movies, and even politics despite the vocabulary barrier.... I've learned the value of taking the time to listen to people and understand their viewpoints via my involvement in this service-learning initiative. Through our discussions, I came to understand that sometimes learning the most important lessons involves just listening to other people and their life experiences.”

““Life is short and we need to enjoy every day of our lives.” This is one of the most important life philosophies that [my partner] taught me.”

“This is definitely something I'd consider doing again in the future.”

“The two conversations definitely made me step out of my comfort zone and be willing to push myself when communicating with someone in a different language. I am a naturally shy person, therefore, these conversations really helped me to become more confident with verbal communication. They allowed me to realize that regardless of the anxiety I may have felt, confidence and letting yourself be pushed, fosters more rapid and effective learning/growth.”

“It was interesting to hear about [my partner's] perspective on German history and politics, which are topics that I don't often have the chance to discuss with people from outside of Germany. The intergenerational differences between us also added another dimension to our conversations. My partner has experienced more of life than I have. Her life experiences and insights provided a unique perspective that I may not have considered otherwise. It was also an opportunity for me to learn from her wisdom and life lessons.”