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My name is Perla Esmeralda Ramirez Ramos, I am 23 years old and I'm from Saltillo, Mexico. I was studying in Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg for one semester as an international student.

The months I lived in Germany represented a big challenge for myself, which was totally worth it. I was living in another country for the first time, speaking in English (which is not my mother tongue), learning German and discovering a new culture.

When I got the acceptance letter I realized the big adventure I was going to live, I had to go to another city for the visa, get ready with the luggage, the documents, the flight and it was a little bit stressful but at the end everything went fine.

I arrived in Germany the last week of September because I had some troubles with the Visa and I lost the first Welcome weeks and also the chance of meeting my classmates, but all the time I kept in touch with Christina Pöhler and she understood my situation and helped me with the everything I needed.

I chose the courses that I considered the best for my career and also the ones I liked the most. For the first time I learned about business in General Management Simulation Game and it was really interesting.

I learned a little bit of German language, it was kind of hard but it was amazing to see the cultural differences between the languages. Actually German is not so different from Spanish, some words are the same. I wish to learn German in my home town so I can come back with another opportunity to Germany.

The course of Employability Skills – German for the Workplace was such a powerful class, I could see the differences between my country and Germany and they're huge! I understand the German culture and I will take the advices from the course if someday I go to work in Germany. The professor was really friendly with all my classmates all the time.

My favorite course was Film + Special Effects, 3D modeling and Animation because it is something I'd like to work in. The professor showed me some schools in Germany in the cinema industry and he also offered to help me if I needed to. Me and classmates created

a horror short film and we had a lot of fun together. Here's the link of the video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4vhmkOXIjw>

I got the chance to know all my classmates better in Intercultural Negotiation Training because we spoke about our cultures, the ways to socialize, the way we make business, the importance of the punctuality and also the professor talked with us about German culture.

From Social Media Marketing and Digital Storytelling I learned a lot and I'll use that knowledge in the internships I'll have in my home town. We as students got the opportunity to express ourselves and giving our ideas in the course.

There was the Buddy Programme and I got the chance to meet my Buddy, a German student who was helping all the international students. She helped me with some things and also Christina Pöhler from the International office. I feel really grateful with both.

There are no right words to describe the amazing experience I lived in Germany. I went to different countries I never thought I would know. I met people from all around the world and most of them were very friendly with me by telling me their experiences, about their hobbies, their cities and their culture.

From all the courses I learned that there is always a good time to keep learning and also to get a different vision, so you can try to get the best from them and use it on your own for positive results.

