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## CERES Brown Bag Talk:

**AND I CAN DO ALL THIS IN TWO LANGUAGES!  
THE VALUE OF LEARNING ANOTHER LANGUAGE**

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Most people affiliated with CERES have learned at least one language beside their native language. For most of us, it has opened many doors and changed our lives in ways we could not anticipate when we started learning. Yet, we often associate speaking another language with mistakes and limitations, and we apologize for not being better in our additional language(s).

In this interactive presentation, I propose that we focus on what we can do thanks to our other languages and how learning another language changed our lives in ways big and small. Attendees will be asked to think about their successes as well as hurdles and reflect on their language learning experience. From this, we'll discuss how we can motivate all our students to experience the same benefits that learning another language has brought to us.

### WHAT YOU'RE **REALLY** GETTING FROM YOUR LANGUAGE CLASS

#### Human connections



- Small class sizes allow you to build relationships with classmates and instructors
- You will become part of a learning community

#### Initiative & Leadership



- You will learn to use your skills to overcome challenges
- You will practice decision making in a variety of situations and environments

#### Communication

- You learn to communicate effectively across cultural differences
- You will learn transferable skills you can use in your specific area



#### Risk Taking & Perseverance

- You learn to fail forward in a safe environment
- Language learning requires risks. Your classmates and instructor will support and give you the courage to try



#### Problem solving



- You learn to consider different perspectives and compensate for language limitations to enrich your problem-solving skills
- You learn critical thinking skills to analyze new material

#### Collaboration



- You learn to co-construct projects and presentations
- You learn to explore issues from different perspectives
- You learn to listen to others, challenge yourself, and grow