Each week, the class discusses the pros and cons of a topic of interest, based on an article written for native speakers. The reading material supplies both authentic language models as well as insight into how native speakers view the issue. Since the goal of the course is to promote a lively exchange, improve speaking skills and expand students’ knowledge, a relaxed and accepting atmosphere is crucial. Topics may be chosen from the following broad themes:

The arts  
History  
Science and technology  
Health and well-being  
Language and culture  
Society  
Current events and trends  
Travel and adventure

TOPIC EXAMPLES (fall 2020) Telemedicine – the wave of the future?; the reintroduction of endangered species to their natural habitat; the use of GMOs; selfies – a sign of growing narcissism or an art form?; the 15-minute city: a design for the future?