

Anthropology: The art of being human

Anthropology is the study of all humans, in all times, in all places. That means that Anthropology is an always ongoing study with no concrete right or wrong answers, perhaps anthropology is more of an experience. How different are we and how can we learn about these differences? These are questions we could ask ourselves but may be better to ask others, maybe even compare and contemplate these differences with them. Get outside of your cultural perspective, and learn other cultures perspectives on life, death, religion, family, even the world. The “Great Thing” perspective - Humility, Diversity, Gratitude, Connection. We are all learning and will always be learning, the world and people keep changing and there becomes more to discover. Even teachers can be students.

We will shape the world. There is a saying, although I do not know who said it first, “that we are a cog in the machine”. This saying is interesting since it contradicts itself. When someone says that they are a cog in the machine they usually mean that they are just a very small part of something much bigger. Something to remember is that if you take a cog out of a machine things tend to go wrong. Even if you are a cog in the machine, you are still an important part of whatever this machine is.

The learning outcomes in this class are all things that should help draw a clear image of the “Great Thing” and to properly experience it. They also seem like a lot of fun to try and experience. Seeing the world, to see things dangerous to come, to see behind wall, to draw closer, to find each other, and to feel, these are the learning outcomes of this class.

The ten lessons / ten challenges seem like they are going to be fun. Although talking to a stranger will be a very interesting one since I tend to be introverted and usually try to avoid people. Notes to self: ask yourself deep questions, try learning a new language, are there no wrong answers, only different experiences/opinions/perspectives?