

ANTH 100

INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY

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Course Description and Objectives

This course aims to answer the questions what makes us human and what does it mean to be human? It is an introductory survey of the sub-fields of anthropology: archaeology, biological anthropology, cultural anthropology and linguistic anthropology. Two broad principles underlie our understanding of human complexity: First, all individuals and groups possess certain commonalities - in particular, genetic and other biological traits, sociality, language and a powerful symbolising capability; and second, human culture is incredibly diverse and ever-changing. We will explore the sub-fields of anthropology through a range of themes including, but not limited to evolution, indigeneity, ethnicity and race, various subsistence approaches, kinship, and gender.

Skills Development

Skills introduced/developed in this course include: critical thinking/reading, writing, citation practices, anthropological terminology and concepts, ethical issues and cultural adeptness.

Note: This course and its associated tutorials will be held online.