Using Carmen to Support Transformative Learning

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“Of course, you can use anything I submitted! I would love for more people to realize how important this class really was for me, as well as how much of a change it can make in theirs.”
ANTHROP 2202

- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- Meets two GE requirements
- Enrollment cap of 50 students
- Most sections are taught by GTAs
- Online, in-person, and hybrid sections
- One Carmen master course that unites them all
Anthropology
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See the Syllabus for an overview of the course.

Go to Modules for your course content and activities.
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Anthropological Thinking

1. Relativistic perspective (different, not deficient)
2. Comparative perspective (considering all variation)
3. Holistic perspective (context matters)
4. Culture shapes who we are (culture concept)
5. We are all cultural beings (reflexivity)
6. We are all connected (through globalization)
Challenge 1: Talking to Strangers

- What is a perfect day for you?
- What was the best day of your life?
- What was the worst day of your life?
- What role does love play in your life?
- When did you last cry by yourself?
Course Organization in Carmen

WATCH → READ → QUIZ → CHALLENGE → REFLECTION → DEBRIEF

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Week 2 (8/26-9/1): People are Different

**WEEKLY OVERVIEW**

- Week 2 Overview - People are Different

**READ**

- Wesch Lesson 1

**WATCH/LISTEN**

- Lesson 1 video
- Life101 "Professor's Night Out" podcast
- Challenge 1 video

**DO**

- ANTHROP 2202 Quiz 1 over Intro and Lesson 1 reading
  - Aug 28 | 15 pts
- Week 2 Discussion
  - Sep 1 | 10 pts
- Challenge 1: Talking to Strangers
  - Sep 1 | 25 pts
- Challenge 1 Debrief
  - Sep 1 | 10 pts
Other challenges

- Trying something new
- Giving up something
- Other encounters
- Global connections
- Write your own hero story
Challenge 10: Your Manifesto

In your manifesto, reflect on what you learned this semester and outline a vision of your goals, future, and how you will contribute to life on earth.
“Every week, I discovered something new about myself. Oftentimes this self-realization was difficult, yet I managed to embrace the self-reflection in the hopes of it affecting the way I lived my life in a positive way.

I am incredibly thankful for all of the experiences that this course offered me, and expect them to have a lasting impact on my life.”
Carmen Common Sense

- Downloadable syllabus
- Assignments in calendar
- Grades in gradebook
- Consistent communication
- Material in modules
- Removed unused side bars
- Home page with instructor information
- Clear naming system
- Use open access
- Leverage resources