

Introduction to Anthroposophy Full-Time Training

For young people in search of a genuinely human way of knowing

Anthroposophy develops a new way of thinking that transforms everything. By means of enhanced abilities, it finds the specific kind of knowing appropriate to each field of life, always leading to the sources. To date, its help has scarcely been noticed, let alone taken up. For this stream of cultural renewal flows out of the future into our present.

Current prevailing assumptions reduce the world, including us, to supposed component particles, which are thought to work with inexorable necessity (reductionism). Identifications are regarded as mere conventional labels, meaning that true beings do not exist, or at best are unknowable (nominalism). This causes illnesses in the soul, and in culture as a whole.

Therefore the world needs a genuine university, where you can learn living thinking. Until it comes about, take your education into your own hands, choosing your teachers wherever you may find them, and teaching yourselves as well. Any such beginning, however imperfect, sets a decisive deed.

In September 2024, a new learning initiative began in Aesch, Switzerland, near the Goetheanum: Introduction to Anthroposophy. It offers a full-time, one-year training for young adults 18 to 26 years of age, rich with examples of applied Anthroposophy. Twenty-two teachers are contributing, in addition to the undersigned. The year ends on June 6th, 2025. The next group starts on September 14th, 2025!

The course is in German, with interpretation in English as needed. The more German you learn, the better you can experience Rudolf Steiner's use of language.

The day begins at 8:00 with work on the earth. Then, after a shared breakfast, come continual morning courses, and changing afternoon courses until 5:40. Everything happens from Monday to Friday. The morning courses, continuing throughout the year, are:

- Projective morphology ("geometry") to prepare etheric perception
- Fundamental writings of Rudolf Steiner, to free and enliven the thinking, especially *The Philosophy of Spiritual Activity*; eventually some of his lectures as well
- Artistic exercises, after they have been introduced in the special afternoon courses

The changing afternoon courses are areas of applied Anthroposophy:

- Phenomenological study of nature, as a schooling of perception and thinking
- The Anthroposophical impulse in the various arts
- The evolution of consciousness as the key to understanding cultural phenomena

The whole enterprise will require an estimated 137,600 Swiss francs in the course of the year. This sum divided by the number of participants would be the true price. Thanks to donors and foundations, it will be subsidized. Whoever can manage it should please pay 5,000 francs for the year, including tuition, breakfast, and lunch. Housing is not included. There is a forum to help people find lodging. Participants are legally recognized as students and hence permitted to earn money with part-time work. There are experienced students who can help you find work. Whoever can pay more will make it easier for others to participate. If the price is a hardship, please ask your relatives and friends for support. Then there are also foundations with scholarship funds. If that too fails, please say so. No one should be unable to attend for lack of funding.

This initiative is still looking for financial support. Suggestions are welcome! For donations, the bank connection is as follows. Since the activity serves the public good, receipts include notice of tax exemption.

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Housing, too, is still needed. The dream would be a house for shared living!

Please write if you would like to receive the forms for application, medical assessment, and references. They are due by August 14th at the latest. But depending on where you come from, please act in time to get a student visa. There is someone to help you with that.

With warm greetings,
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Attached to this announcement you will also find testimonies of former students, as collected by Jonas Rybak.

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