MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
HU 2242 Ojibwe Language and Culture
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Course Syllabus


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COURSE CREDITS: 3 Credits PREREQUISITE: HU 2241

COURSE DESCRIPTION "Further study of Ojibwe grammar, vocabulary and idioms, with increased emphasis on conversational skills. Continued discussion of traditional and contemporary Ojibwe culture."

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
• Behold! The Ojibwe Language CD-ROM, The College Of St. Scholastica (OPTIONAL, CD available in language lab)
• A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe, John D. Nichols & Earl Nyholm
• The Manitous: The Supernatural World of the Ojibway, Basil Johnston
• History of the Ojibwa People, William Warren & W. Roger Buffalohead
• Ojibwe Language Website, http://first--ojibwe.net/translations/weshki-ayaad/

STUDENT EVALUATION CRITERIA Evaluation will be based on a combination of participation/attendance and the completion of a series of assignments and exams which will be graded according to the appropriateness of response, organization, accuracy of spelling and originality. The assignment of grades will be as follows:
• Participation/Attendance 30%
• Class Assignments/Exams 30%
• Final Project 40%

ATTENDANCE is necessary in order to participate. If you cannot attend class, please email me and tell me why.

FINAL GROUP PROJECT Each group (clan) will choose a topic, write a script in English and then translate it into Ojibwemowin; assign characters/roles; practice lines/parts; make props for settings; and your clan will stage a short 20 minute skit spoken in Ojibwemowin.

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