MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
HU 2241 OJIBWE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE
(LESS COMMONLY TAUGHT LANGUAGES)
FALL SEMESTER 2005

TIME & LOCATION
Thursday 3:35 - 5:55 Walker, Room 108

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OFFICE HOURS
Thursdays 2:00 - 3:30 or by appointment

COURSE CREDITS
3 Credits PREREQUISITE: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Introduction to basic Ojibwe grammar, vocabulary and idioms, designed to acquaint the student with the minimum essentials of oral and written Ojibwe. Course content includes discussion of various aspects of Ojibwe culture.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (Purchase Optional):
• Behold! The Ojibwe Language, An Ojibwe Language Tutorial On CD-ROM, The College Of St. Scholastica (Optional, available in the language lab)
• The Sacred Tree, Phil Lane, Four Winds Development Project
• The Mishomis Book: The Voice of the Ojibway, Edward Benton-Banai

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 pronunciations or 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 e-mail me and tell me why.

ASSIGNMENTS
• Medicine wheel final project: Each student will design and create a medicine wheel and provide a class presentation.
• Two essays: The essays will be on what culture means and your own discoveries about culture and spirituality.
• Two book reviews
• Weekly journal: Based on assigned readings, class discussion, speakers, movies, etc.

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