

**SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS & TECHNOLOGY**


**SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**COURSE TITLE:** OJIBWEI  
**COURSE CODE:** NSA118-3  
**PROGRAM:** NATIVE COMMUNITY WORKER PROGRAM  
**SEMESTER:** ONE  
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**AUTHOR:** NATIVE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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**APPROVED:**

  
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**PHILOSOPHY/GOALS:**

This course is designed to provide students with a knowledge of the basic structure of the Ojibwe language. The focus of the course will be on speaking, reading and writing the language..

The goals of this course are to motivate/stimulate oral and written expression in Ojibwe language and to promote its use on a daily basis. The course will promote pride in Native culture as language is the basis of our way of life. Students will acquire an understanding of their cultural heritage; thereby, fostering pride and developing a positive self-image. The Nishnaabe Bimaadzin Kinoomaadwinan teachings of the Medicine Wheel guideline will be used.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

When you have earned credit for this course you will have reliably demonstrated an ability to:

1. Identify every day items in Ojibwe.
2. Explain how Ojibwe language and culture are essential to regaining and retaining Ojibwe language.
3. Use a basic Ojibwe vocabulary.

**TOPICS:**

The course content will be taken from the Medicine Wheel teachings.

In the traditional way, the whole curriculum is taught the Anishnaabe Way, Circle of Life, Medicine Wheel Way. Medicine Wheel teachings bring together the holistic approach to the language including the life cycle.

Everything of creation is presented in the Medicine Wheel. In all of Creation, there is a cause and effect. The Medicine Wheel depicts how these things of Creation interact.

The circle is divided into the four seasons.

The curriculum will be geared to the community's dialect, lifestyle, activities and community events.

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Because Ojibwe has over 6000 verbs Units will include:

Greeting

Places

Part of day

Locations

Table Gestures

Foods

Verbs and Feelings

Mishomis Book - Translate some words into traditional Ojibwe words.

The topics will instill positive Native pride, self-esteem and worth in the students. The Anishnaabe Way of Life - thinking and values are the way for survival in these times and are to be shared with the Non-Native for the good of all.

### **TEXTS:**

The required texts are:

1. Kidwenan - by Isadore Toulouse
2. Anishnaabe Naadmaadwin Mzini'igan
3. Mishomis Book

which can be purchased at the Campus Bookstore.

### **ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION:**

Participation will be based on oral and written performance in grammar, pronunciation, recollection of words in conversational exchanges. For example, during warm-ups, students will be asked questions in connection with specific words, meanings, feelings, weather, days and months. Due to the nature of the language program, it is essential that students attend classes regularly. Attendance and participation will be monitored and records will be kept.

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**EVALUATION:**

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. Full Anishinaabe Menu	20%	Due end of October
2. Medicine Wheel - Part I	25%	Due mid-December
Project Breakdown		
Orthography - language	10%	
Artistic Value	10%	
Display	5%	
MID TERM TEST	15%	WkofOct. 7 or 14
FINAL TEST	15%	WkofDec. 9 or 16
ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION	25%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	

**ASSIGNMENTS: (45%)**

Full Anishinaabe Menu - in small groups student will make up a menu for a family menu and present to the class. Menus will be presented both visually/written and orally. The assignment will be discussed at the beginning of the semester and will be due at the end of October.

Medicine Wheel - Semester 1 each student will design and produce their own medicine wheel after receiving teachings. There will be continuance of the medicine wheel teachings in Semester 2.

**MIDTERM TEST: (15%)**

**FINAL TEST: (15%)**

These are written tests translating vocabulary taught to date and translating using listening skills. The instructor will dictate sounds and words in the language.

**COLLEGE EVALUATION SYSTEM:**

Letter grades, for transcript purposes, will be calculated as follows:

90% - 100%	= A+
80% - 89%	= A
70% - 79%	= B
60% - 69%	= C
Less than 60%	= R (Repeat of course)

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**PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT:**

Students who wish to apply for advanced credit in the course should consult the instructor. Credit for prior learning will be given successful completion of the following:

CHALLENGE TEST TO BE EVALUATED BY THE INSTRUCTOR

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

Students with special needs, e.g. physical limitations, visual impairments, learning disabilities are encouraged to discuss required accommodations confidentially with the instructor.

Your instructor reserves the right to modify the course as he/she deems necessary to meet the needs of the students.

ALL students must attend 70% of the classes to obtain a passing grade.

ALL assignments are to be handed in on the due date and are to be typewritten. Any late assignments will be penalized 1% per each day late.

Tests - CANNOT be reAvritten in order to obtain a higher grade. Tests may be rescheduled at the instructor's discretion, for substantial and substantiated reasons for absence on test day. Students who miss a test MUST make rescheduled arrangements directly and immediately with the instructor.

