

**NAS101**  
**Spark of the Three Fires :**  
**Anishinaabe Language, Culture and Community 1**  
Web Synchronous 4 Credits

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**Books (at the bookstore)**

**Portage Lake : Memories of an Ojibwe Childhood.** University Of Minnesota Press, 1993.

**Course Description** An introduction to Anishinaabe language and thought, including grammar, vocabulary, idioms, and writing systems. This course will teach students to listen, speak, read and write basic Anishinaabe language while forwarding the revitalization of Anishinaabe ideas and concepts. This course offers a close look at various facets of Anishinaabe life, including *minobimaadiziwin*, the good life, and *dibaajimowinan*, stories. This course is designed hopefully, to be both enjoyable and challenging.

**Class Goal** To learn basic concepts of Anishinaabe language and thought.

**Objectives** Learning everyday words and phrases in Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe language). Learning the history and current status of the language. Learning different approaches to language study & Anishinaabe language-based concepts.

**Outcomes** After completing this course successfully, we will be able to:

1. Introduce ourselves and ask/answer common questions in Anishinaabemowin.
2. Understand how to pronounce written Anishinaabemowin.
3. Recall a fair number of words in Anishinaabemowin.
4. Explain a number of Anishinaabe concepts.
5. Use tenses, plurals, location words, conjugation and so on.
6. Understand how to create texts in various styles including, every-other, over-under, color-coded, and dual-dialect.
7. Understand the history and current state of Anishinaabe language education.

**Readings** We will go at a natural pace. An audio recording of each vocabulary list and other materials will be available on educat to help with pronunciation.

**Quizzes** There will be a number of quizzes. They will center around recall of vocabulary alongside crafting sentences. They will also test memory of the reading content & Anishinaabe concepts.

**Class Sessions** Each session with materials and assignments are revealed little by little over Educat as needed.

**Zoom Sessions** A zoom link will appear on Educat.

**Zoom Dialogue** Try to stay involved, there are no dumb questions.

**ZOOM office hours** Office hours over zoom by appointment. Email with two times that work well for you and I will send you a zoom link.

### **Assessment Strategies**

1. Quizzes 10 pts each
2. Little Projects and Assignments 10 pts each
2. Participation/Attendance 100 pts

Late writing assignments drop 1 pt every 2 days. After 20 days the points drop to zero. Makeup possible with extenuating circumstances (illness, funeral, etc.)

Final grades will be an average of scores in the assessments resulting in a grade out of 100.

A 94-100	A- 90-93	B+ 87-89	B 84-86	B- 80-83	C+ 77-79
C 74-76	C- 70-73	D+ 67-69	D 64-66	D- 60-63	F <60



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**Anishinaabe Ancestral Homelands Statement** Northern Michigan University is located on the ancestral homelands of the Anishinaabe Three Fires Confederacy. Gichi-Namebini Ziibing is the traditional name of this area now also called Marquette. For more information visit the Center for Native American Studies website at [nmu.edu/nativeamericans](http://nmu.edu/nativeamericans)

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