**Is This Course Right For You?**

**Course:** CCS 300Wisconsin Ojibwe: Culture, Society, Ecology

**Course requirements:**

* 2 credits; travel portion will take place in late July or early August
* Attending on-campus meeting in late Spring semester
* Reading materials and articles, videos, field journal, and independent research
* Graded assignments: participation, online/trip coursework, discussion, and one essay

**Travel required:**

* To/from location: Approximately 5 - 7 hour van ride with lunch stopover
* At location: Periodic 1 – 3 hours daily travel to/from activity field sites
* Activities: Mostly outdoors; many field sites are accessed via boat, ferry, and kayak

**Location(s):**

* Most of the immersion trip occurs in the Northern Wisconsin Ashland and Bayfield areas
* A few days/nights are spent in the Carlton Minnesota area

**Climate:**

* “In July, Ashland has about the same temperatures and similar rainfall to Waukesha” (Weather.com)
* Days: warm (70s - 80s); Nights: cool (50s). There may be occasional rain or thunderstorms
* Intense sun requires sunscreen (carry a personal supply). Recommended: sunglasses, a light, long-sleeved shirt and wide-brimmed hat
* To avoid dehydration you must drink plenty of water (bring a water bottle, carry it with you!)

**Physical Requirements:**

* Walking and occasional mildly strenuous hiking: Short to medium distances (1 0 2 miles) at field sites on occasional days, not always on level or dry ground. Sensible shoes are required.
* Kayak paddling: No experience required; training and safety equipment provided. Securely-strapped sandals or water-activity footwear required.
* Boat travel: Many field sites are accessed via boat, ferry, and kayak. Bring anti-nausea medication if needed.

**Accommodations:**

* All lodging occurs in hotel lodges or resorts with western amenities on Native reservations. Overnight accommodations include shared bedroom (two students) with two queen/double beds and shared bathrooms.

**Cultural considerations:**

* A major cultural event we will attend is a memorial service for hundreds of Ojibwe who died in an historical event related to Ojibwe-USA treaties. Attendees must dress respectfully and modestly (men: pants or jeans with no holes, no t-shirt; women: skirts below knees with modest top).

**Food:**

* A typical variety of food or meal types (meat-based and vegetarian) options available in the US are abundant. Food allergies or limitations must be reported in advance.
* Three meals a day are provided.

**Not covered in the budget:**

* Snacks or extra drinks are not covered. Food or additional meals outside set times and on travel days to and from trip location are student’s responsibility.
* Most people budget about $50.00-$100.00 in cash. Credit card purchases may be paid in most circumstances. ATMS likely are available.

**Free time:**

* Time during the immersion experience is mostly spent entirely with the group participating in scheduled activities. There is a little free time every day, except at occasional designated times. Shopping opportunities primarily are limited to time spent in Ashland, Bayfield, or national park service visitor centers.
* Individual free time should be spent with at least one other person from the group. Report whereabouts at all times during periods where small group exploration is possible.
* No swimming or snorkeling alone.

**Parental Involvement**

* Students should discuss all details of the immersion trip with family in the planning stages. **Any requests for additional information or assistance, or help with problems, must come directly from the student**. Parents should be aware that students may not be in contact on a daily basis while travelling either due lack of cellular wireless service or schedule activities. It is not possible for parents to travel with the group. Wifi access may be available for communication at certain locations. Students are invited to bring phones if they would like. Faculty instructor will have a phone for use in emergencies.