Spring 2016 classes in Alaska Native Languages

The Alaska Native Language Program offers courses in Eskimo, Aleut and Indian languages spoken in the state. Major and minor curricula are offered in Central Yup’ik Eskimo, the largest Alaska Native language in terms of number of speakers; and Inupiaq Eskimo, the second largest. Regular courses are also available in Gwich’in Athabascan. UAF is the only university in the United States to provide such programs. Professional opportunities for those skilled in Alaska Native languages exist in teaching, research and cultural, educational and political development.

The Alaska Native language teaching program benefits from the research staff and library of the Alaska Native Language Center. Students have access to researchers who are world leaders in documenting Eskimo and northern Athabascan languages.

Intro levels
No prerequisite

• ANL 142—Beginning Athabascan: Gwich’in (CRN 33134)
  Introduction to Gwich’in Athabascan, spoken in the northeastern Alaska villages of Arctic Village, Venetie, Fort Yukon, Chalkyitsik, Circle, and Birch Creek, as well as in a wide adjacent area of the Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory. Prerequisites: ANL F141 in the same language or instructor permission.

• ANL 242—Intermediate Athabascan: Gwich’in (CRN 33137)
  Continuation of beginning Athabascan-Gwich’in. Development of conversational ability, additional grammar and vocabulary. Prerequisites: ANL F141 and ANL F142 in the same language or permission of instructor.

For educators in Alaska Native Languages

• ANL 199—Practicum in Alaska Native Education
  Individualized work experience. Variable credit (depending on the quantity and quality of the work experience). Offered on campus and via distance delivery. When offered via distance delivery, a local mentor (usually principal or teacher) must be willing to work with the student on the local level. Offered as demand warrants.

• ANL 402—Alaska Native Language Apprenticeship (CRN 33140)
  Structured study of an Alaska Native language. Select and work intensively with a mentor (a native speaker of the language selected). Choice of mentor requires faculty approval. Meet regularly with mentor (minimum 10 hours per week) and participate in regular training sessions to work towards fluency. Graded Pass/Fall.

• ESK 415—Additional Topics Advanced Yup’ik (CRN 35578)
  Further study of Yup’ik linguistics. Includes text transcription, editing, analysis and discussion. Yup’ik dialectology. Study of related Eskimo languages from the standpoint of Central Yup’ik. Additional topics to be studied depending upon the interests of the students and the instructor. Prerequisites: ESK F101; ESK F102; ESK F201; ESK F202; or permission of instructor.

Additional courses for majors and minors

• ESK 102—Elementary Central Yup’ik Eskimo (CRN 34071)
  Introduction to Central Yup’ik, the language of the Yukon and Kuskokwim deltas and Bristol Bay.

• ESK 112—Elementary Inupiaq Eskimo (CRN 34072)
  Introduction to Inupiaq, the language of Unalakleet, Seward Peninsula, Kotzebue Sound and the North Slope.

• ESK 116—Conversational Inupiaq Eskimo (CRN 34073)
  Introductory course for students who wish to acquire the ability to speak Inupiaq. Students first learn to understand simple spoken language, then to speak simple Inupiaq, developing a beginning level of communicative competence in the language.

• ESK 202—Intermediate Central Yup’ik (CRN 34044)
  Continuation of ESK F101 and ESK F102. Increasing emphasis on speaking, reading and writing. Prerequisites: ESK F102 or permission of instructor.

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