

INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE SPEAKING CERTIFICATE

Juneau, Ketchikan, Sitka, e-Learning

The certificate in Indigenous Language Speaking prepares students to work in the growing language revitalization field, including within tribal organizations, tribal corporations, school districts, and non-profit organizations. It also supplements students' learning goals within the Indigenous Teaching Certificate and would support eventual or tandem enrollment in the Bachelor of Liberal Arts in Alaska Native Languages & Studies. 11 credits fulfill the GER requirement for certificates, with the rest of the courses focused on language communication, understanding & human relations, for a total of 31 credits, depending on the track chosen.

Requirement	Hours
Minimum Credit Hours	31
General Education Requirements	11
Program Requirements	20

Code	Title	Credits
General Requirements		
Indigenous Studies		
ANS S101	*Introduction to Alaska Native Studies	3
Alaska Native Languages		
Select one of the following language sequences:		8
Tlingit		
AKL S105	*Beginning Tlingit I	
AKL S106	*Beginning Tlingit II	
Haida		
AKL S107	*Beginning Haida I	
AKL S108	*Beginning Haida II	
Tsimshian		
AKL S109	*Beginning Tsimshian I	
AKL S110	*Beginning Tsimshian II	

Selected Indigenous Language Emphasis

Students select a language and go through the Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced series within that language. Multiple certificates may be earned if selecting a different language for subsequent certificates.

Lingít Yoo X#’atángi (Tlingit)

Code	Title	Credits
Tlingit		
Core Language Courses		17
AKL S205	*Intermediate Tlingit I	
AKL S206	*Intermediate Tlingit II	
AKL S305	Advanced Tlingit I	
AKL S306	Advanced Tlingit II	
Advisor Approved Elective		

Master Apprentice ¹		3
AKL S401	Alaska Language Apprenticeship/Mentorship	

X#aad Kil (Haida)

Code	Title	Credits
Haida		
Core Language Courses		17
AKL S207	*Intermediate Haida I	
AKL S208	*Intermediate Haida II	
AKL S307	Advanced Haida I	
AKL S308	Advanced Haida II	
Advisor Approved Elective		
Master Apprentice ¹		3
AKL S401	Alaska Language Apprenticeship/Mentorship	

Shm’algayack/Sm’algya#x (Tsimshian)

Code	Title	Credits
Tsimshian		
Core Language Courses		17
AKL S209	*Intermediate Tsimshian I	
AKL S210	*Intermediate Tsimshian II	
AKL S309	Advanced Tsimshian I	
AKL S310	Advanced Tsimshian II	
Advisor Approved Elective		
Mentor Apprentice ¹		3
AKL S401	Alaska Language Apprenticeship/Mentorship	

¹ Upon advisor approval, student may substitute three credits of upper division in the same language if a mentor is unavailable.

1. Students will increase their own fluency and will contribute to the health and vibrancy of Alaska Native languages.
2. Students will become speakers of Alaska Native languages, and will assume leadership roles in language documentation, language gathering and use, curriculum development and program planning, and the teaching of Indigenous languages to others.
3. Partner organizations will begin looking at ways to incorporate language speaking certification into job descriptions and will work to incentivize language speaking abilities within their organizations.
4. Students will commitment to lifelong learning and use of Indigenous languages, and will network with other speakers to create communities of language use and learning.