



Alaska Native Languages

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Department of Alaska Native Languages
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Minor only

There are 20 different Alaska Native languages: Aleut, Alutiiq (also called Aleut or Sugpiaq), Central Yup'ik Eskimo, St. Lawrence Island Eskimo, Inupiaq Eskimo, Tsimshian, Haida, Tlingit and Eyak and 11 Athabascan languages. These languages are becoming recognized as the priceless heritage they truly are.

Since the passage of the Alaska Bilingual Education Law in 1972 there has been a demand for teachers who can speak and teach these languages in the schools throughout the state where there are Native children. Professional opportunities for those skilled in these languages exist in teaching, research and cultural, educational and political development.

Central Yup'ik Eskimo is spoken by the largest number of people, and Inupiaq by the next largest. Major and minor curricula are now offered in these two languages. Courses are also regularly offered in Kutchin (Gwich'in) Athabascan. For work in all other languages, individual or small-group instruction is offered under special topics. Thus there have frequently been instruction, seminars and workshops also in Tlingit, Haida, St. Lawrence Island Eskimo, Aleut and Koyukon, comparative Eskimo and comparative Athabascan.

UAF is unique in offering this curriculum, which benefits also from the research staff and library of the Alaska Native Language Center.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

MINOR

1. Complete the following:
 - Any ANL or ESK courses 15
2. Minimum credits required 15

See Alaska Native Studies: Language Concentration.

See Eskimo.

See Native Language Education.



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