Eskimo languages are spoken by Far Northern people from the northeastern tip of Siberia, across Alaska and Canada, to East Greenland. The Eskimo languages include the four Yupik languages of Alaska and Siberia as well as Inuin, the Alaskan sector of which is called Inupiaq. In terms of population and number of speakers, Inupiaq is the second largest language in Alaska. Central Yup’ik has by far the largest population and number of speakers of any Alaska language. Eskimo languages are the linguistic heritage of more than half of Alaska’s Native population. Students who obtain their B.A. in an Eskimo language, either Central Yup’ik or Inupiak, may be employed as Native language instructors or language specialists for school districts or Native organizations. No other university in the U.S. offers a B.A. in Eskimo.

Students in linguistics or anthropology may want to complete a minor in Eskimo and add a distinctly Alaska emphasis to their education.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

MAJOR

Inupiaq Eskimo—B.A. Degree
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ANTH 381—The Inupiaq and Yup’ik Peoples .......................... 3 HIST 110—History of Alaska Natives ............................... 3 LING/ED 303W,O—Language Acquisition ................. 3 LING 318—Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology .......... 3 LING 320—Introduction to Syntax and Morphology ........... 3 LING 400—Theory and Methods of Second Language Teaching .... 3 LING 430—Historical Linguistics .................................. 3 LING 450O—Language, Policy and Planning ................... 3 MUS 223—Native Alaskan Music .................................... 3 PS 263—Alaska Native Politics .................................... 3 Yup’ik Eskimo course or approved course .......................... 3

5. Minimum credits required ................................................. 130

* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

Yup’ik Eskimo—B.A. Degree
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MINOR
1. Complete Eskimo electives ........................................... 15
2. Minimum credits required ........................................... 15

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