

Alaska Native Studies (AKNS)

Courses

AKNS A101 Alaska Native Languages I 4 Credits

Introductory course to a selected Alaska Native language for beginners with no, or little, prior knowledge of the specific language. Aural/oral skills and other communicative approaches used. Emphasis is on everyday vocabulary, structure, and phonetics. A brief history of Alaska Native languages is included.

AKNS A101A Elementary Central Yup'ik Language I 4 Credits

Introductory course for students with little, or no, prior knowledge of the Central Yup'ik language. Develops listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Central Yup'ik for effective communication at the elementary level. Addresses history of Alaska Native languages and culture.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A101B Elementary Tlingit Language I 4 Credits

Introductory course for students with little, or no, prior knowledge of the Tlingit language. Develops listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Tlingit for effective communication at the elementary level. Addresses history of Alaska Native languages and cultures.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A101C Elementary Alaska Native Language I 4 Credits

Introductory course for students with little, or no, prior knowledge of the offered Alaska Native language. Develops listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in the Alaska Native language for effective communication at the elementary level. Addresses history of Alaska Native languages and cultures.

Special Note: May be repeated one time with a different language.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A101D Elementary Inupiaq Language I 4 Credits

Introductory course for students with little or no prior knowledge of the Inupiaq language. Develops listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in Inupiaq for effective communication at the elementary level. Addresses history of Alaska Native languages and culture.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A101E Elementary Alutiiq Language I 4 Credits

Introduces students with little or no prior knowledge to the Alutiiq language. Develops listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in Alutiiq for effective communication at the elementary level. Addresses history of Alaska Native languages and cultures.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A101F Elementary Dena'ina Language I 4 Credits

Introductory course for students with little or no prior knowledge of the Dena'ina Athabascan language. Develops listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in Dena'ina for effective communication at the elementary level. Addresses history of Alaska Native languages and cultures.

Special Note: Class conducted in the Dena'ina language.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A101H Elementary Ahtna Language I 4 Credits

Introductory course for students with little or no prior knowledge of the Ahtna language. Develops listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in Ahtna Athabascan for effective communication at the elementary level. Addresses history of Alaska Native languages and culture.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A101I Elementary Unangam Tunuu I 4 Credits

Introduces students with little, or no, prior knowledge to the Unangam Tunuu language. Develops listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Unangam Tunuu for effective communication at the elementary level. Addresses history of Alaska Native languages and culture.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A102A Elementary Central Yup'ik Language II 4 Credits

Continues introductory course. Further develops elementary listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Central Yup'ik for effective communication. Enhances appreciation of Alaska Native and cross-cultural perspectives.

Prerequisites: AKNS A101A with a minimum grade of C.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A102B Elementary Tlingit Language II 4 Credits

Continues introductory course. Develops elementary listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Tlingit for effective communication. Enhances appreciation of Alaska Native and cross-cultural perspectives.

Prerequisites: AKNS A101B with a minimum grade of C.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A102C Elementary Alaska Native Language II 4 Credits

Continuation of introductory course. Further develops elementary listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in a selected Alaska Native language for effective communication. Enhances appreciation of Alaska Native and cross-cultural perspectives.

Special Note: May be repeated one time with a different language.

Registration Restrictions: Same language as taken in AKNS A101C

Prerequisites: AKNS A101C with a minimum grade of C.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A102D Elementary Inupiaq Language II 4 Credits

Continuation of introductory course. Further develops elementary listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in Inupiaq for effective communication. Enhances appreciation of Alaska Native and cross-cultural perspectives.

Prerequisites: AKNS A101D with a minimum grade of D.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A102E Elementary Alutiiq Language II 4 Credits

Continues developing elementary listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in Alutiiq. Enhances appreciation of Alaska Native and cross-cultural perspectives.

Prerequisites: AKNS A101E with a minimum grade of C.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A102F Elementary Dena'ina Language II 4 Credits

Continues introductory course. Further develops elementary listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in Dena'ina for effective communication. Enhances appreciation of Alaska Native and cross-cultural perspectives.

May Be Stacked With: AKNS A114F

Prerequisites: AKNS A101F with a minimum grade of C.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A102H Elementary Ahtna Language II 4 Credits

Continuation of introductory course. Further develops elementary listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in Ahtna Athabaskan for effective communication. Enhances appreciation of Alaska Native and cross-cultural perspectives.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A102I Elementary Unangam Tunuu II 4 Credits

Continues introductory course. Develops elementary listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Unangam Tunuu for effective communication. Enhances appreciation of Alaska Native and cross-cultural perspectives.

Prerequisites: AKNS A101I with a minimum grade of C.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A114A Central Yup'ik Reading and Writing 3 Credits

Enhances reading and writing Central Yup'ik for students with oral proficiency in the Central Yup'ik language. Introduces alphabet and phonetic classification, dialects, orthography and a history of the Central Yup'ik writing system. Enhances cross-cultural perspectives.

Registration Restrictions: Students should have taken a minimum of one semester of Yup'ik I before they enroll in this class, or have fluency in Yup'ik or instructor permission.

Prerequisites: AKNS A101A with a minimum grade of C.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A114B Tlingit Reading and Writing 3 Credits

Enhances reading and writing Tlingit for students with oral proficiency in the Tlingit language. Introduces alphabet and phonetic classification, dialects, and a history of the Tlingit writing system. Enhances cross-cultural perspectives.

Registration Restrictions: Students should have successfully completed at least one semester of Elementary Tlingit, or have basic fluency in the Tlingit language.

Prerequisites: AKNS A101B with a minimum grade of C.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A114C Alaska Native Language Reading and Writing 3 Credits

Enhances reading and writing in an Alaska Native language for students with oral proficiency in the Alaska Native language. Introduces alphabet and phonetic classification, dialects, and a history of the selected Alaska Native language writing system. Enhances cross-cultural perspectives.

Registration Restrictions: Fluency in Alaska Native language and instructor approval required. Must be same language as AKNS A101C.

AKNS A114E Alutiiq and Sugpiaq Reading and Writing 3 Credits

Introduces reading and writing in the Alutiiq/Sugpiaq language for students with some listening comprehension and verbal skills in Alutiiq (Sugt'stun). Covers alphabet and phonetic classification, dialects, and a history of the Alutiiq writing system. Enhances cross-cultural perspectives.

Registration Restrictions: Prior exposure to spoken Alutiiq and instructor permission.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A114F Dena'ina Reading and Writing 4 Credits

Introduces reading and writing Dena'ina for students with oral proficiency in the Dena'ina language. Introduces alphabet and phonetic classification, dialects, orthography and a history of the Dena'ina writing system. Enhances cross-cultural perspectives.

Registration Restrictions: Proficiency in speaking Dena'ina or instructor permission may substitute for the required prerequisite course(s).

May Be Stacked With: AKNS A102F

Prerequisites: AKNS A101F with a minimum grade of C.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A114H Ahtna Reading and Writing 3 Credits

Introduces reading and writing Ahtna for students with oral proficiency in the Ahtna language. Students will be introduced to alphabet and phonetic classification, dialects, orthography and a history of the Ahtna writing system. Enhances cross-cultural perspectives.

Registration Restrictions: Students should have taken a minimum of one semester of Ahtna before they enroll in this class, or have fluency in Ahtna or instructor permission.

Prerequisites: AKNS A101H with a minimum grade of C.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A114I Unangam Tunuu Reading & Writing 3 Credits

Introduces reading and writing Unangam Tunuu for students with oral proficiency in the Unangam Tunuu language. Students will be introduced to alphabet and phonetic classification, dialects, orthography and a history of the Unangam Tunuu writing system. Enhances cross-cultural perspectives.

Registration Restrictions: Students should have taken a minimum of one semester of Unangam Tunuu I before they enroll in this class, or have fluency in Unangam Tunuu, or instructor permission.

Prerequisites: AKNS A101I with a minimum grade of C.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A181 Community Project Planning 1 Credit

Introduces the process of community planning for projects requiring grant-based or other funding. Includes capacity and asset-based approaches appropriate to rural communities.

AKNS A182 Grant Writing for Alaska Native Communities 1 Credit

Introduces grant writing focused on community-based grant proposals, including successful approaches appropriate to rural and Alaska Native communities. Includes grant tips, reviewer scoring, grant trends and proposal components.

AKNS A184 Indigenous Leadership and Civic Engagement 1 Credit

Introduces traditional and modern Indigenous styles of leadership, and orients to methods of civic engagement to foster positive community change.

AKNS A185 Event Planning and Meeting Facilitation 1 Credit

Provides an overview of event coordination and meeting facilitation focusing on small and large events common for tribes, rural communities, Native corporations, and organizations.

AKNS A190 Selected Topics: Alaska Native Cultural Skills 1-3 Credits

Focuses on an applied traditional Alaska Native skill. Covers historical and modern practices, as well as traditional knowledge and mentorship learning of Alaska Native practices such as arts, technologies or culinary techniques.

Special Note: May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits with change of subtitle.

AKNS A201 Alaska Native Perspectives 3 Credits

Introduces Alaska Native perspectives on kinship, time, philosophy, symbolism, spirituality, communication, justice, oral traditions, storytelling, material culture, and the relationship to the environment. Includes the diversity of Alaska Native peoples, languages, and worldviews and how these influence contemporary and global issues.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A215 Music of Alaska Natives and Indigenous Peoples of Northern Regions 3 Credits

Explores music and dance practices of Alaska Native and Indigenous peoples of the circumpolar north by region and culture group. Interdisciplinary methods will be used to examine the historical and social dynamics behind changing musical and cultural traditions. Fundamentals of ethnomusicology theory and research methods will be introduced.

Registration Restrictions: AKNS A201 or MUS A111 recommended prior to registering for this course.

Crosslisted With: MUS A215.

Prerequisites: WRTG A111 with a minimum grade of C.

Attributes: UAA Fine Arts GER.

AKNS A216 World Indigenous Music 3 Credits

Surveys Indigenous music cultures of the world. Examines musical traditions of Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, the Near/Far East, and Oceania within the context of musical styles and culture.

Crosslisted With: MUS A216

Prerequisites: WRTG A111 with a minimum grade of C.

Attributes: UAA Fine Arts GER.

AKNS A218A Alaska Native Drummaking Techniques: Athabascan and Southeast Style 3 Credits

Studio course in which students learn the fundamentals of making hand drums in the Athabascan and Southeast Alaskan Indian style. Students will also study the living tradition of Alaska Native drum practices.

Crosslisted With: MUS A218A

AKNS A218B Alaska Native Drummaking Techniques: Inupiaq and Yup'ik Style 3 Credits

Studio course in which students learn the fundamentals of making handheld frame drums in the Inupiaq and Yup'ik Alaskan Native tradition. Students will also study the living tradition of Alaska Native drum practices.

Crosslisted With: MUS A218B

AKNS A230 Oral Traditions of Alaska Native People 3 Credits

Introduces Alaska Native oral traditions, both the stories told by different Alaska Native cultures and the indigenous languages that convey those stories. Examines the role of oral traditions in sharing knowledge and beliefs in Alaska Native cultures, the importance of indigenous languages in conveying ideas, the translation of oral traditions into recorded or printed media, and contemporary settings where oral traditions continue.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A240 Alaska Native Cultural Orientation - Alutiiq/Sugpiaq 3 Credits

Holistic introduction to the history, culture, arts, politics, and contemporary issues in the Alutiiq/Sugpiaq region. Designed for professionals and educators working with Native community members and families. Enhances cross-cultural perspectives.

AKNS A240A Alaska Native Cultural Orientation: Yup'ik 3 Credits

Introduces students to the history, culture, arts, politics, and contemporary issues in the Yup'ik region. Provides students with professionals and educators working with Native community members and families. Enhances cross-cultural perspectives.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A240F Alaska Native Cultural Orientation: Dena'ina 3 Credits

Provides holistic introduction to the history, culture, arts, politics, and contemporary issues in the Dena'ina region. Designed for students, professionals and educators working with Native community members and families. Enhances cross-cultural perspectives.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A240H Alaska Native Cultural Orientation: Ahtna 3 Credits

Provides holistic introduction to the history, culture, arts, politics, and contemporary issues in the Ahtna region. Designed for students, professionals and educators working with Native community members and families. Enhances cross-cultural perspectives.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A240I Alaska Native Cultural Orientation: Unangax# 3 Credits

Provides holistic introduction to the history, culture, arts, politics, and contemporary issues in the Unangax# region. Designed for students, professionals and educators working with Native community members and families. Enhances cross-cultural perspectives.

Attributes: UAA Humanities GER.

AKNS A261 Alaska Native Art History 3 Credits

Introduces Alaska Native art forms, past and present. Examines the uses of art in Alaska Native cultures, materials and methods used in creating arts, differences between Native and Western approaches to art, and contemporary approaches to customary art forms. Fosters appreciation of Alaska Native arts and cultures exposing students to world-class artists and collections here in Alaska as well as introducing them to the epistemological underpinnings of Alaska Native art forms.

Attributes: UAA Fine Arts GER.

AKNS A290 Topics in Alaska Native Studies 1-3 Credits

Examines contemporary issues in Alaska Native studies at an introductory level. Course can include political, social and historical aspects of Alaska Native peoples and culture.

Special Note: Subtitle varies. May be repeated for credit up to three times with a different subtitle.

AKNS A292A Alaska Native Language Apprenticeship 1-3 Credits
Introduces language learning through apprenticeship with fluent speakers of a specific Alaska Native language in an individual or small-group workshop format. Covers strategies and techniques of the master-apprentice method and provides intensive study with fluent speakers to increase oral fluency. Enhances cross-cultural perspectives.

Registration Restrictions: Instructor permission

AKNS A292B Alaska Native Language Conversational Fluency Intensive 1-3 Credits

Provides intensive study of conversational speech in an Alaska Native language. Maximizes fluency development for students with previous coursework or life experience with an Alaska Native language.

Registration Restrictions: Course prerequisite or instructor permission

Prerequisites: AKNS A101A with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A101B with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A101C with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A101D with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A101E with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A101F with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A101H with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A101I with a minimum grade of C.

AKNS A301 Introduction to Indigenous Language Revitalization 1 Credit

Explores Indigenous language revitalization movements, activities, trends in social linguistics, and investigation of terminology. Students will gain an understanding of processes involved in language policy, planning, and advocacy, and will gain exposure to effective methods that have reversed language shift.

Special Note: Previous experience or background with an Alaska Native language is recommended.

AKNS A313 Tribes, Nations and Peoples 3 Credits

Analyzes and evaluates the history of expansion, invasion, contemporary questions, and issues that confront indigenous tribes, nations and peoples, including their political, social, economic, and cultural activities. Investigates corresponding relations with non-indigenous governments and private entities as well as international developments concerning indigenous human rights.

Crosslisted With: PS A313

Prerequisites: AKNS A201 with a minimum grade of C or PS A102 with a minimum grade of C.

AKNS A346 Alaska Native Politics 3 Credits

Introduction to historical relationships among federal, territorial, state and local laws and policies as they affect Alaska Natives and Native/non-Native relations. Includes contemporary issues and comparative case studies.

Special Note: May be used to fulfill the Alaska studies requirement for teacher certification.

Registration Restrictions: Upper-division standing

Crosslisted With: PS A346

AKNS A356 Yup'ik Music and Dance Ensemble 3 Credits

Teaches movement, singing, drumming and the cultural contextual aspects of Alaska Native dance, including history, culture and connection to language. Designed for students who are interested in learning about Alaska Native creative expression. Ensemble course in Central Yup'ik Alaska Native music and dance.

Special Note: May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits.

Crosslisted With: MUS A356

Prerequisites: AKNS A201 with a minimum grade of C or (AKNS A215 with a minimum grade of C or MUS A215 with a minimum grade of C) or (AKNS A216 with a minimum grade of C or MUS A216 with a minimum grade of C).

AKNS A357 Inupiaq Music and Dance Ensemble 3 Credits

Provides an ensemble experience for Inupiaq Alaska Native music and dance. Teaches movement, singing, drumming and the cultural contextual aspects of Alaska Native music and dance, including history, culture and connection to language. Provides an opportunity to learn about Alaska Native creative expression.

Special Note: May be repeated once for credit.

Crosslisted With: MUS A357

Prerequisites: AKNS A201 with a minimum grade of C or (AKNS A215 with a minimum grade of C or MUS A215 with a minimum grade of C) or (AKNS A216 with a minimum grade of C or MUS A216 with a minimum grade of C).

AKNS A390 Intermediate Topics in Alaska Native Studies 1-3 Credits

Examines topics in Alaska Native studies at an intermediate level. Includes political, social, contemporary and historical aspects of Alaska Native peoples and cultures.

Special Note: Subtitle varies. May be repeated twice for credit with a different subtitle.

Prerequisites: AKNS A201 with a minimum grade of C or ANTH A200 with a minimum grade of C.

AKNS A395 Native Language Instructor Practicum 3 Credits

Provides supervised Field experience in Alaska Native Language Instruction. Students develop, implement and evaluate elements of a comprehensive, developmentally appropriate curriculum and learning environment.

Special Note: Requires 125 hours of field experience. May be repeated once with a different language.

Registration Restrictions: Departmental approval, admission to practicum Alaska Native Language Instructor Certificate.

Prerequisites: (AKNS A114F with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A114H with a minimum grade of C) and AKNS A301 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment.

AKNS A421 Indigenous Language Curriculum Design & Instruction **3 Credits**

Explores curriculum design methods and methodology in Indigenous language(s). Focuses on culturally appropriate curriculum planning, development, instruction and assessment.

Prerequisites: (AKNS A101A with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A101B with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A101C with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A101D with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A101E with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A101F with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A101H with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A101I with a minimum grade of C) and (AKNS A240A with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A240E with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A240F with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A240H with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A240I with a minimum grade of C).

AKNS A432 Indigenous Well-Being and Education **3 Credits**

Examines psychological and cultural perspectives of human development and well-being of indigenous peoples. Designed to promote, nurture, explore and understand the influence of culture on the indigenous person. Of special interest to educators in schools serving indigenous students and individuals working with indigenous communities regarding cultural understandings, and change in historical and contemporary contexts.

Special Note: Course is co-organized as a multi-site international videoconference seminar - collaborating institutions include the University of Alaska Fairbanks, University of Arizona, Dine College, University of British Columbia, University of Montana, University of Hawai'i Hilo, and Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi, New Zealand.

Prerequisites: AKNS A201 with a minimum grade of C or AKNS A346 with a minimum grade of C or ANTH A200 with a minimum grade of C or PS A346 with a minimum grade of C.

AKNS A461 Decolonizing Methodologies **3 Credits**

Introduces research methods informed by Indigenous ways of producing and sharing knowledge, ethical considerations, collaborative research design with Indigenous communities and peoples, the sharing of research materials and outcomes, and multivocal authorship. Examines the process of integrating responsibilities as a researcher with respect for cultural property rights and ownership.

Crosslisted With: ANTH A461.

Prerequisites: AKNS A201 with a minimum grade of C or ANTH A200 with a minimum grade of C or ANTH A202 with a minimum grade of C.

AKNS A482 Indigenous Knowledge(s) and the Sciences in Global Contexts **3 Credits**

Explores ideologies underlying the sciences and Indigenous Knowledge(s) (IK) including how aspects of each paradigm converge, diverge, or negotiate parallel paths. Surveys IK and Western science methodologies, including how paradigms are constructed and reconstructed through the influence and engagement of Indigenous peoples.

Special Note: Course includes 7 weeks of videoconference and online exchanges with Victoria University of Wellington Te Kawa a Maui-School of Maori Studies students and co-instructor/UAA AKNS affiliate faculty Dr. Ocean Mercier (PhD-Physics).

Prerequisites: AKNS A201 with a minimum grade of C or ANTH A200 with a minimum grade of C.

AKNS A490 Advanced Topics in Alaska Native Studies **1-3 Credits**

Examines topics on contemporary issues in Alaska Native studies at an advanced level. Course can include political, social and historical aspects of Alaska Native people and culture.

Special Note: Subtitle varies. May be repeated two times for credit with a different subtitle.

Registration Restrictions: Upper-division standing

Prerequisites: AKNS A201 with a minimum grade of C.

AKNS A492 Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders **3 Credits**

Provides a hands-on experiential learning encounter for the student. Elders from different Alaska Native cultures will be invited to participate and impart knowledge to the students. Fosters an appreciation of diversity across cultures, a broader understanding of creative expression, and Indigenous worldview.

Special Note: Students enrolling in this course should have either upper-division class standing with a strong background in the social sciences or appropriate life experience, or a combination of the two prior to enrolling in this course.

Prerequisites: AKNS A201 with a minimum grade of C or ANTH A200 with a minimum grade of C.

AKNS A495 Alaska Native Studies Internship **1-3 Credits**

This is designed as a supervised on-campus or off-campus internship which provides an opportunity for students to work in the professional environment of an Alaska Native organization. Students perform significant work and/or research and develop professional skills and networks. The internship requires a formal agreement between the student, the faculty member and the supervisor.

Special Note: May be repeated for up to 6 credits.

Registration Restrictions: Instructor permission, upper division standing and knowledge of Alaska Native issues required.

Prerequisites: AKNS A201 with a minimum grade of D.

AKNS A495A Indigenous Language Instructor Internship **3 Credits**

Provides a supervised on-campus or off-campus internship opportunity for students to work in the professional environment of an Alaska Native organization. Allows students to perform significant work and/or research and develop professional skills and networks. Requires a formal agreement between the student, the faculty member and the supervisor.

Special Note: May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.

Registration Restrictions: Instructor approval.