

Undergraduate Certificate in Dena'ina Language Instruction

The Certificate in Dena'ina Language Instruction prepares students for applying knowledge, resources, and skills appropriate for a variety of entry-level jobs that use Dena'ina Dene language and for teaching beginning Dena'ina Language. Students who earn this certificate will be able to demonstrate a level of low intermediate speech ability and demonstrate proficiency in beginning Dena'ina language instruction. The style of Dena'ina taught in this program is Upper and Inland.

Admission Requirements

- Complete the Admission Requirements for Undergraduate Certificates (<https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate/>).

Special Considerations

- For students who will complete a field study placement, they will have to be prepared to complete a background check if their site requires one.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete the General University Requirements for Undergraduate Certificates (<https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/certificaterequirements/>).
- Complete the following major requirements with a minimum grade of C:

Code	Title	Credits
AKNS A101F	Elementary Dena'ina Language I	4
AKNS A102F	Elementary Dena'ina Language II	4
AKNS A114F	Dena'ina Reading and Writing	4
AKNS A240F	Alaska Native Cultural Orientation: Dena'ina	3
AKNS A292B	Alaska Native Language Conversational Fluency Intensive ¹	1
AKNS A301	Introduction to Indigenous Language Revitalization	1
AKNS A395	Native Language Instructor Practicum	3
AKNS A421	Indigenous Language Curriculum Design & Instruction	3
AKNS A495A	Indigenous Language Instructor Internship	3
Total		26

¹ Must be in Dena'ina Language

A minimum of 30 credits is required for the certificate.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating with an Undergraduate Certificate in Dena'ina Language Instruction will be able to:

- Demonstrate low intermediate speaking proficiency, with conversational speaking skills as described in the ACTFL Guidelines standards.
- Read and comprehend basic Dena'ina, including words and sentences pertaining to everyday topics, at a level comparable to their speaking proficiency on ACTFL standards.
- Locate and assess Dena'ina Dene language resources and reference materials for diverse situations and proficiency levels.
- Demonstrate knowledge of Dena'ina history, culture, arts, and issues in the Dena'ina region.
- Examine cross-cultural communication, cultural values, and working with Elders.
- Write beginner lessons in Dena'ina language
- Deliver beginner lessons in Dena'ina language in classroom settings.